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# 'Missile attack' as tanks and helicopters are used in civil war

## Yeltsin puts the blame on Gorbachov

By Michael Binyon in Moscow and Daniel Treisman in London

Civil war raged unabated along the frontier between Armenia and Azerbaijan yesterday, with troops sent in by the Kremlin to quell the violence coming under fire from both sides.

As the official death toll rose to 56, the radical politician, Mr Boris Yeltsin, blamed the slow pace of President Gorbachov's reforms for the unrest threatening to unravel Soviet rule.

"The Soviet Union is faced with a crisis and could destroy itself within as little as three months," he said. And the deputy prime minister, Mr Leonid Abalkin, said the Soviet leadership risked being ousted unless perestroika showed results this year.

The presence of more than 11,000 extra Soviet troops did nothing to halt the fighting in the Trans-Caucasus yesterday, and Armenians and Azerbaijanis battled with tanks, grenades, machine guns and unmarked helicopters. Armenians claimed that one of their villages had come under missile fire.

Soviet correspondents said the clashes were nothing less than full-scale civil war, and reported horrific scenes in Baku, the Azerbaijani capital.

"Again, the blood of innocent people was spilled," the official news agency, Tass, said. People, thought to be



Show of force: A Soviet tank crew on patrol to discourage violence in Nagorno-Karabakh, where Armenians and Azerbaijanis have been fighting for control.

## VIPs warned after letter bombs are found at Aldershot base

By Stewart Tendler  
Crime Correspondent

Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch yesterday issued an urgent warning to prominent people and military personnel to be on their guard after the discovery of two IRA letter bombs in a military sorting office at Aldershot in Hampshire.

The bombs are the latest attack against military targets in an IRA campaign on the mainland which began in August 1988 and has taken the lives of a dozen soldiers.

The bombs in the latest attack were concealed in jiffy bags posted to two senior officers; the devices are said to be capable of serious injury or death. Refusing to name the targets, the Army categorically denied one of the bombs was aimed at Lieutenant-General Sir Peter de la Billiere, commanding officer of the Army's



Mr Churchill-Coleman, Head of the Anti-Terrorist Branch, said: "The public must be vigilant when opening mail. If at all suspicious they are urged to contact police immediately and leave the parcel alone. Military personnel and those involved in public life who are connected with Northern Ireland affairs are particularly vulnerable."

Belfast police are questioning a man in connection with the attempted robbery at a betting shop in which three men were shot dead by the Army last Saturday. The Army said only three men were involved in the robbery, but there were claims yesterday that a fourth escaped. — Adams statement, page 2

members of the Army sports council.

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The bombs were found in the mail room of the Army's South-east district headquarters, the largest divisional headquarters in the country. The staff handle mail for

## Thatcher may phase pay rises

By Robin Oakley  
Political Editor

Salary increases suggested by pay review bodies for the Forces, senior civil servants, doctors, and dentists, and nurses and other medical staff could be "staged" this year and paid in full only after an interval.

The Government is yet to receive the reports by the various bodies, but they are expected to propose increases in advance of those on offer to the ambulance men, which the Government is determined will represent the final offer in their case.

In the Commons yesterday, in response to questions from Mr Neil Kinnock, Mrs Thatcher said the Government

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**Mother freed**

Tracey Scott, the 19-year-old unmarried mother who was jailed with her baby after being found guilty of theft by Judge Pickles, was freed by the Court of Appeal. — Page 3

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## 'Mad cow' disease Gummer fights Bonn ban

By Paul Wilkinson

West Germany was accused yesterday by Mr John Gummer, Minister of Agriculture, of protectionism over its ban on British beef imports.

The ban was introduced amid fears that bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) or "mad cow" disease, which has developed in British cattle over the past five years could be passed to humans, despite British assurances to the contrary.

During a visit to Devon where the country's beef and dairy herd has been worst affected by the disease, Mr Gummer dismissed the German case as an evasion of the issues.

He said: "We have straight-forward proof that the Germans are taking this action to keep British beef off the market."

"They have been told they are wrong by the scientists

who have produced evidence. The Germans don't have an answer as to why they have refused to import."

Outbreaks of the disease are running at 600 a month. Most are in the south-west of England where the dairy and beef herd is concentrated but there have also been cases in North Yorkshire and Scotland.

Mr Gummer told his audience of West Country farmers: "It is a disease we want to get out of our herd but I am not worried about human health. It is quite clear to me our beef is safe. My own family eats beef and I have no worry about that. There is no evidence anywhere in the world of BSE passing from animals to humans."

"The odd thing about the British is that we don't always

realize that other people are in the business of getting us out of the market. The Germans do not base their ban on any scientific evidence. What they are after is keeping our beef out of Germany."

Yesterday Herr Wolfgang von Gleditsch, of the West German agriculture department, said that the ban affected only a quarter of British beef imports.

Speaking on BBC radio, he said that only meat containing bones was covered by the ban as that was a part of the cow where they believed the virus could be found. The ban was a precautionary measure, he said, because there was not enough information on the problem.

The legality of the German ban will be decided by the European Commission within the next few days after a meeting yesterday in Brussels of EC veterinary experts.

## 'Tolstoy effect' starts rush to settle libel cases



By Frances Gibb  
Legal Affairs Correspondent

An unprecedented proportion of libel cases are suddenly being settled out of court, causing near-panic among solicitors who are rushed in at little notice to fill the High Court jury list.

Some 50 cases, half those on the list for jury trial this term, are under negotiation or have already been disposed of four days into the legal term. One newspaper lawyer predicted the courts would have dealt with all standby cases on the lists in two to three weeks.

One reason put forward in legal circles yesterday was fear of massive libel damages in the wake of the £1.5 million awarded to Lord Aldington before Christmas in the Tolstoy libel trial. Another view was that the settlements

show a change in attitude by the press, with pressure mounting for laws to control their activities and the report due later this year from the Calcutt committee on privacy. An official in the High Court listing office said yesterday

**Barristers' video link**.....2

it was impossible to say how many cases had actually settled until it was notified. She added that any one of the 100 or so cases in the "warned" list, the stand-by list for jury trial, should be ready. "Any jury case could be called tomorrow."

Mr Barton Taylor, head of the commercial litigation department at Russell Jones and Walker, a London firm of solicitors, which negotiated two libel settlements this week for plaintiffs,

welcomed the speedy settlements. "It is good for our clients, who receive a rapid redress of their grievance, and for all plaintiffs pursuing a libel action."

He thought a reason for the rush of settlements was that after publication of the press code of practice, and with the Calcutt report due, the press wanted to be seen to be putting its houses in order.

"The Calcutt committee will be watching for a change in attitude by the press. They can hardly go into court arguing the rightness of behaviour which under the code of practice they have said they would not do."

Delays between issue of writ and trial have been reduced from two or three years to several months under Mr Justice Michael Davies, the judge appointed to take charge of the libel lists,

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## NEWS ROUNDUP

## Missing baby line takes several calls

Detectives searching for Alexandra Griffiths, the kidnapped baby, say that they received several calls yesterday on a special hotline set up after a woman telephoned St Thomas's Hospital in London to apologize for taking the child (Libby Jukes writes).

They refused to say whether the same woman had called again, or to discuss the nature of the calls received on the special number, 01 582 0000. Other calls from the public are being followed up, and a poster of an artist's impression of "Christine", who snatched the 36-hour-old baby on Thursday night, has been distributed nationwide.

A spokesman for St Thomas's said that the baby's 20-year-old mother, Miss Dawn Griffiths, "remains hopeful and is being supported by her family and WPC Nicky Pearce".

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## Oilfield jobs boost

Up to 1,000 jobs are to be created with the award of three contracts worth £90 million for the development of the North Sea Saltire field, Occidental Petroleum (Caledonia) announced yesterday (Kerry Gill writes).

The contracts are to build and install a production platform in the field estimated to contain reserves of about 100 million barrels of oil. It is expected they will be split between McDermott, of Ardara on the Moray Firth, and Press Offshore, Tyneside.

The platform, which is expected to be operating by 1992, will be sited four miles from the old Piper Alpha installation which was destroyed in July, 1987, with the loss of 167 lives. Saltire lies about 120 miles north-east of Aberdeen. Mr John Brading, Occidental's UK chairman, said the field was one of four the company planned to develop.

## Blood sample refused

Lord Bristol was fined £100 and banned from driving for three years yesterday for refusing to give a blood sample to police who suspected him of driving under the influence of drugs. Magistrates at Lowestoft, Suffolk, were told that Lord Bristol, aged 35, of Ickworth House, Suffolk, thought he could refuse because a breast test had already proved negative; his cocaine and heroin addiction had "improved" since a court appearance last year.

## City housing plea

Cardiff council has appealed to the Welsh Office for an extra £42 million over the next three years to cope with its housing demands. The city fears hundreds of families on the council housing list could lose out to refugees arriving from war-torn Somalia. Six hundred refugee families are expected to settle in Cardiff, which has one of the biggest Somali communities in Britain. Councillors say they need a huge cash boost to ensure that local families do not suffer.

## Singer's bomb plot

An amateur operatic singer who tried to blow up her former lover's wife with a home-made petrol bomb was yesterday put on probation for two years by Liverpool Crown Court. Anne Dennis, aged 35, of the Marina, Port Dwyer, North Wales, disguised herself with a false beard as she planted the device, consisting of a plastic bottle and a bin-bag filled with petrol and two candles, which had gone out. She admitted attempted arson with reckless disregard for human life.

## Severn link approved

Long-awaited proposals to build a second crossing over the Severn Estuary were approved yesterday by Mr Robert Atkins, the Minister for Roads and Traffic (Michael Dwyer writes). The new crossing will run from the M4 in Avon, south of the Severn road bridge, roughly parallel with the Severn railway tunnel, rejoining the M4 near Magor in Gwent. The Government will be tabling a Bill shortly and the bridge should be built by the mid-1990s.

## Tory rebels accept they face Hong Kong defeat

By Philip Webster and Nigel Williamson

Conservative opponents of the Government's Hong Kong package last night accepted that they are heading for defeat, with enough potential rebels being won over to secure the legislation. Labour leaders, however, were hardening their opposition to the plans.

The Shadow Cabinet is preparing to tell Labour MPs that the only fair policy is to give rights of entry to all five million Hong Kong residents

or to virtually none of them. Mr David Waddington, the Home Secretary, promised on Monday that no more than 50,000 families would be granted passports, and that the figure would be written into the Bill, which will be introduced at Easter. A senior Tory rebel said last night that fewer than 50 Conservatives would vote against the Government.

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## Video link for lawyers and clients planned

By Frances Gibb  
Legal Affairs Correspondent

Communications between barristers, solicitors and their clients will be revolutionized under plans for a network of live closed-circuit television links shortly to go before the Bar Council for approval.

They would enable solicitors and their clients anywhere in England and Wales to speak to counsel by means of a live video-link without the time and expense of travelling to chambers.

The "video-conference" facilities, together with linked transmission equipment, would also allow documents to be displayed, edited and redrafted, and to be signed and

exchanged within seconds. The Bar Council is awaiting final costings of the system from British Telecom. But if the plans are approved, it is hoped to install first one, and eventually up to five, video-conference links in the Inns of Court at an initial cost of £250,000.

Those would be linked with equipment expected to be installed over the next 18 months at 30 to 40 local chambers of commerce and, possibly, later at local law societies.

In the meantime, the Lord Chancellor's Department is to be approached about the possibility of legal aid covering legal advice given via the video links.

Mr David Farrer, QC, chairman

of the Bar services committee, who is putting the plans before the Bar Council, said: "It has the potential of greatly expanding our domestic market."

The second big advantage for the Bar was in boosting its market in Europe, the United States and Japan, Mr Farrer said.

It was a big bonus for clients to be able to choose the expert they wanted to consult and to "book 15 minutes' air-time" rather than have to wait for an opinion to be drafted, he said. "People now are much more interested in discussion face to face rather than waiting for a written opinion."

The scheme, which Mr Farrer said

he was confident would win Bar Council backing, comes about after a successful one-off video-conference held in the summer between the chambers of Mr Sean Overend and a Chester solicitor, Mr John Goodman, and his client.

That, in turn, is a spin-off from a pilot project on video-conferencing in commerce and industry, promoted by Mr John Brebner, a London solicitor. To reach his clients, who are largely based outside Britain, he hit on the idea of using local chambers of commerce as video-conference centres. Those, he says, in effect then become extensions of businessmen's offices.

Mr Brebner said yesterday that

video links were now installed in three chambers of commerce, in London, Dorset and Chester; there were plans this coming summer for 30 to 40 more chambers, in Britain and abroad, to have such links.

"Video-conferencing enables the solicitor to have a conference with counsel without travelling to London or other large regional centres so it represents a big time and cost saving for the client."

The Bar Council is also helping with a project on electronic communications between solicitors, barristers and the courts. Rank has produced a machine to be used with the video-link equipment to exchange documents within seconds.

## Adams in secret talks with 'associates' of men shot by Army in betting shop robbery

## Fourth raider 'escaped Falls Road killings'

From Edward Gorman, Irish Affairs Correspondent

Mr Gerry Adams, MP for West Belfast and president of Sinn Féin, said he had held a series of secret meetings in the past two days with "associates" of the men killed by the Army in the Falls Road betting shop robbery on Saturday.

He said they had agreed to meet him in a darkened room, in the presence of a priest, and on condition their identities remained secret.

In a long statement dictated to Mr Adams and read out by him at a press conference, the men, members of an extended gang of petty thieves in West Belfast, said there were four people involved in the robbery, not three as the Army has claimed.

Also contradicting the Army version, they said the replica weapons used were concealed when the robbers went into the betting shop, and when they came out and were shot without warning by the soldiers.

The statement said three men ran into the betting shop, leaving one in a getaway car.



Daylight reveals the damage caused by a 1,000lb IRA bomb to Stion Mills RUC station in Co Tyrone on Monday night.

in a scene of terrifying brutality. "The Army and police are always only entitled to use reasonable force in all events," Father McWilliams said.

"I must say my immediate reaction as an ordinary citizen to the events which took place [is that] I find it hard to believe they used

reasonable force. If the law is to mean anything, strict observance by the Army and police is very necessary to preserve its integrity," he said.

Father McWilliams said it was ironic that Hale should have been severely wounded by paramilitaries — he was shot six times by an IRA

punishment squad two years ago — and should now have suffered what he described as a "worse and vile punishment" from those entrusted to uphold the law.

A leading member of the loyalist Ulster Defence Association appeared in court yesterday on a charge brought by

the Stevens inquiry team investigating leaks of confidential security documents.

Thomas Lytle, aged 52, a clerk of Sydney Street West in the Shankill area of Belfast, and four others appeared at Belfast Magistrates' Court on charges relating to confidential documents on the IRA.

## Unions try to calm 999 crews

By Tim Jones, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Union leaders fought last night to prevent more ambulance workers taking full strike action as Mrs Margaret Thatcher indicated again that there would be no more money for crews. She told the Commons that the National Health Service offer was "reasonable and good".

Mrs Thatcher's reiteration of her position came as Mr Roger Poole, chief negotiator for the union side, appealed to crews to maintain an accident and emergency service direct to the public "at all times".

Faced with growing unrest among crews, who believe action must be stepped up if their 18-week strike is to succeed, Mr Poole said no strike call had been sanctioned by

the five unions, who believe support could be lost if emergency cover is withdrawn.

He said: "The overwhelming majority of ambulance men and women are staying strongly with the strategy that we have adopted since the start." In spite of his plea, crews at five stations in Essex took strike action yesterday, saying insurance cover had been withdrawn. Ambulance officers at Crawley, West Sussex, remained on strike.

The unions said insurance cover was also withdrawn from staff and vehicles in Dorset. More seriously, leaders in north-east London decided yesterday to recommend a strike ballot to a meeting of London shop stewards next

## Ford plants face more strikes

By Kevin Eason, Motoring Correspondent

Ford faces a loss of up to £30 million-worth of output today, as thousands of workers shut down its main production plants in protest at the company's 10.2 per cent wage offer. The stoppage would bring its losses from wildcat strikes to more than £55 million this week.

Mass unofficial strikes are expected to hit assembly lines producing cars and vans, as well as engines and components distributed to Ford's European network.

The 24-hour action, scheduled to start at 6am, is designed to increase the pressure on Ford managers as they recommence negotiations in London this morning in an attempt to settle the terms of a two-year wage deal for more than 32,000 hourly-paid workers.

It became clear last night that almost no part of the present 10.2 per cent offer would be accepted. Shop stewards said it was insufficient, and the most skilled men on the production lines have also been angered by the offer of increases of up to 20 per cent to a few key men who are being asked to become part

of new electronics teams. Ford wants to offer up to £54 a week extra to a small number of workers prepared to submit to examinations and join special manufacturing groups. They would perform such tasks as maintaining assembly line robots.

Mr Arthur Barken, an Amalgamated Engineering Union shop steward at Halewood, said: "They want us to train people to do our jobs in 30 days, and that undermines our skills." The Merseyside plant manufactures 1,100 Escorts and Orionas per day, but it has been closed since Monday.

The main production centre at Dagenham, Essex, is expected to join the stoppage today. More than 6,000 of the 11,000 employees are expected to refuse to work.

The Ford tractor plant at Basildon, Essex, which produces 175 tractors a day, will probably be at a virtual standstill. The parts division in Thurrock, Essex, and the Southampton van plant, will be hit too.

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## Rolls-Royce challenged by US over long-haul engine

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Rolls-Royce is to face its fiercest competition yet from a consortium of international aero engine builders determined to grab a big share of an anticipated market for 6,000 twin-engine super-jets to power the next generation of long-range airliners.

Rolls-Royce's belief that it can capture at least 30 per cent of the orders likely to be placed over the next 20 years by relying on further developments of its successful RB 211 family of jet engines, is being challenged by General Electric of America, which has teamed up with Snecma of France, MTU of West Germany and an as yet unnamed Japanese manufacturer, to build the world's biggest and most powerful aircraft engine.

Unveiling details yesterday of the \$2 billion development programme for the new engine, the GE 90, Mr Brian Rowe, General Electric's senior vice-president, threw

down the gauntlet to Rolls-Royce. "Sooner or later to achieve the thrust which will be needed for these new aircraft we believe you will need to develop a new engine. We now believe we have the edge and are more than prepared for any competition."

The giant new engine will have a diameter as big as the fuselage of a Boeing 737 and be capable of producing up to 95,000lb of thrust.

It is being designed to be environmentally efficient by reducing the exhaust gas emissions by at least 33 per cent and to be so quiet it can slip into noise-conscious Gatwick or Heathrow at night without disturbing local residents.

Meanwhile Rolls-Royce, based in Derby, is sticking with its tried and trusted three-shaft RB 211 derivative, now known as the Trent, which it says has already beaten all targets and which, with a lower thrust, has

clinched 174 orders. Engineers are already working closely with Boeing in designing a further development of the engine with at least 80,000lb of thrust but without having to design and build a complete new core for the engine.

The battle for the engines on the new jets will be increased still further when Pratt and Whitney unveils its designs. The eventual winner is likely to be the company which can show most easily and quickly that its engines are so reliable that they can be certificated to power an aircraft over large stretches of water.

● Singapore Airlines announced an order for up to 50 new long-range jets worth more than £5 billion.

● Pan Am is offering a full refund to first-class passengers from London who can find something to complain about on its in-flight services to the United States.

## Young to explain Rover sale

Lord Young of Graftonham will answer allegations by a Commons committee today that he deliberately deceived Parliament and the European Commission over the final terms of the £150 million sale of Rover to British Aerospace (Sheila Guna writes).

For the first time, the former Secretary of State for Trade and Industry will be questioned by MPs over the alleged £38 million in "sweeteners" offered to BAe in the final stages of negotiations to save the sale.

Mr Gordon Brown, Labour's trade and industry spokesman, said yesterday:

"Months of government evasion over the Rover affair must now end. The sheer volume of the unanswered questions is disturbing and scandalous."

The all-party trade and industry committee will hear from Professor Roland Smith, the BAe chairman, before calling Lord Young, who is deputy chairman of the Conservative Party, and Sir Brian Hayes, former permanent secretary at the Department of Trade and Industry.

Lord Young has refused to appear before the Commons public accounts committee which is also investigating the affair. It was the National

Audit Office, the public spending watchdog which reports to that committee, that first exposed the existence of extra "hidden subsidies" given to British Aerospace.

## CORRECTION

A report yesterday of libel damages awarded to Mr Stephen Waldorf for an unfounded allegation in a book co-written by Mr Frank Cater, former head of the Flying Squad, should have made clear that the offending passage was added during editing, after the manuscript had left Mr Cater.



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Night of terror on M25

# Gang kicked man to death and ransacked houses, court is told

By Mark Souster

A gang of robbers murdered one man, seriously wounded another and broke into two houses at gunpoint in a night of terror along the Surrey commuter belt, a jury was told yesterday.

The three men from south-east London wore balaclava masks and were armed with handguns and knives. Their offences near the M25 were horrifying, Mr Julian Bevan, for the prosecution, told the Central Criminal Court.

The men, aged 21, 22, and 23, deny murder, attempted murder, robbery, and causing grievous bodily harm on December 15, 1988.

Mr Justice Auld made an order under the Contempt of Court Act that they must not be named or identified.

The men abandoned a stolen Spitfire sports car at a public house in Wokingham, Surrey, because it was too small, and waylaid Mr Peter Hurburgh, aged 57, a fencing contractor, and another man, aged 20, who were parked in an Austin Princess in a field.

Both men were dragged from the car at gunpoint. They were tied up and gagged. Mr Hurburgh was kicked and beaten by the robbers as he lay tied on the ground.

Mr Bevan said: "He had a heart condition and the shock caused him to have a heart attack. He was kicked to death at gunpoint."

Before he died Mr Hurburgh began shouting and

telling the assailants that he was not prepared to put up with rough treatment.

His protests were met by orders to keep quiet. While his companion was lying face down in the grass Mr Hurburgh "tried to make a run for it" but was caught and dragged back by the laughing robbers who began kicking him as he cried out for help in the darkness. He was gagged and bound with electric flex.

As he fought for breath, one attacker said, "Doesn't he make a good actor?" and he was again repeatedly kicked about the head and body.

When the younger man, also tied up, heard petrol being splashed about and saw

● Shock of vicious attack caused him to have a heart attack ●

the glow of a cigarette he feared the worst and blacked out. When he recovered consciousness, Mr Hurburgh's Austin Princess had gone.

Realizing Mr Hurburgh was dead, he ran to a cottage to raise the alarm.

A "paltry" £10 had been taken from the younger man, Mr Bevan said.

The robbers stole Mr Hurburgh's car and drove the five miles to Oxley where they broke into Stone Hall, the £500,000 home of Mr Richard Napier, a retired businessman, his wife Margaret and their

son Timothy, aged 40. The son was stabbed in the chest, back and arm, and arteries were severed as he protected his parents.

He dialled 999 but was so ill the emergency services could only hear heavy breathing. Police managed to trace the call to the house, Mr Bevan said. "Mercifully, he lived."

The gang escaped with cash and jewellery in the family's Toyota car, and drove to the home of Mrs Rosemary Spicer at Fitcham. At gunpoint, they woke her and a man staying at the house, gagged them and ransacked the place, taking jewellery, credit cards and other property. Their cars, Mrs Spicer's Renault and her friend's Cavalier, were both driven off by the gang as they returned to their London base with the loot, Mr Bevan said.

"There can be no doubt the same three robbers committed the robberies - one only has to follow those cars."

Two gang members were arrested within a few days when police raided a house where they were living and found stolen property. The third man was arrested on January 6, 1989, in possession of a firearm.

They had tried to destroy the two cars belonging to their last victims because of the publicity given to their crimes. The vehicles were set alight on a council rubbish dump, the court was told.

The trial continues today.

## Royal dance for East End pensioner



Mr Mark Collins, a pensioner, danced with the Princess of Wales yesterday during a visit to a charity organization in the east London. The princess joined Mr Collins, aged 69, a retired bank messenger, and other dancers on the floor at Toynebee Hall. The Help the Aged senior care and leisure centre in Commercial Street, Aldgate. The princess, patron of Help

the Aged, was welcomed by Mr John Profumo, the former Cabinet minister, who is chairman of the charity. Toynebee Hall was established more than 100 years ago by the economist Arnold Toynebee to care for the disadvantaged. The princess later visited Outset Services Globetown, a back-up unit for the local neighbourhood council staffed by the disabled.



## Muslim killed making bomb

By Stewart Tendler  
Crime Correspondent

A young French Muslim blew himself up as he built a book bomb in his London hotel room, an inquest was told yesterday.

Det Supt Christopher Bird, of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch, told the Westminster coroner that there was a hint that Moustapha Mazeh was associated with a Middle Eastern terrorist organization, although the target for his bomb was not known.

Dr Paul Knapman, the coroner, recorded a verdict of accidental death and said: "I find it very difficult to express much sympathy for this man."

After Mazeh died, a Beirut-based group said he was the first victim to the cause of killing Salman Rushdie, the author sentenced to death in the Islamic world over his book *The Satanic Verses*.

Dr Knapman was told that Mazeh, aged 21, was born in Conakry, Senegal, Republic of Guinea, and held a French passport. He had moved to the village of Tarsfay, outside Beirut, with his mother and father, a Lebanese businessman, in 1987 or 1988.

Last July, he told his parents he was going to Beirut to see friends and look for a job. They never saw him again.

He went to The Netherlands, arriving in Britain on a Harwich ferry two days later on July 22. He stayed in two hotels in London, the second being the Beverley House Hotel, Paddington, where he died on August 3.

The inquest was told that a few minutes before the blast, a member of the hotel staff had knocked on his door to ask if he wanted his room cleaned. Mazeh called out "No, no".

Mr Bird told the hearing that Mazeh was killed as he assembled the device.

Soon after the explosion, there was a second blast, probably caused by the heat exploding a spray canister.

Dr Ian West, the pathologist, said Mazeh's body was badly burnt: "The majority of damage was to his head and it was typical of somebody crouched over an explosive device. I have seen it so many times."

There were no valid claims in yesterday's Portfolio Platinum competition. As a result, today's prize money is doubled to £4,000.

## Witness in tears over talk on telephone with surgeon

By John Young

A witness broke down in tears at a hearing of the professional conduct committee of the General Medical Council (GMC) in London yesterday.

Miss Lesley Kennedy, a laboratory technician at Guy's Hospital, was being questioned by Mr Roger Henderson, QC for the GMC, about a telephone conversation she had with Mr Michael Bewick, a transplant surgeon, on Monday evening after she had given evidence to the hearing.

Mr Bewick is one of three doctors who deny charges of serious professional misconduct in relation to alleged payments to kidney donors.

Miss Kennedy was questioned about Mr Bewick's reaction when she told him that she had failed to find documents relating to the tissue-typing of Mr Ferhat Usta, one of four Turks said to have been paid to donate kidneys.

Miss Kennedy was led from the hearing in tears, but returned to answer questions. She said that when she told Mr Bewick that she could not find the documents, he told her not to worry.

In her evidence on Monday, Miss Kennedy said that Mr Bewick had been anxious to obtain a kidney for transplant

into Mrs C T, a private patient from Greece, after an earlier transplant operation failed. Mrs C T's name had been added to a list of NHS patients, although Miss Kennedy was aware that she was in fact a non-entitled private patient.

Yesterday Miss Kennedy was asked by Sir Robert Kilpatrick, chairman of the committee, whether when she telephoned Mr Bewick she had any concern other than being unable to find the documents concerning Mr Usta.

"I was concerned about what was going to happen to me and to the doctors," she replied.

"I assume by that you meant especially Mr Bewick," Sir Robert said. "Were you concerned that the evidence you had given might affect Mr Bewick?"

"Yes, I was," Miss Kennedy replied.

A former president of the Transplantation Society, an international body established to draw up ethical guidelines for the medical profession, told the committee that he was "adamantly opposed" to the sale of organs by donors.

He said that his society favoured the engagement of an independent assessor to

determine whether undue pressure had been brought to bear on any donor not directly related to the recipient in a transplant operation.

Professor Peter Morris, Nuffield Professor of Surgery at Oxford, said that he had been horrified to read newspaper reports last year about alleged payments to donors in 1988.

He said he thought that it was something that had been stamped out after cases in 1985.

Asked by Mr Henderson whether reputable surgeons believed that the role of the surgeon could properly be limited to that of a technician, so as to exclude him from all preliminary investigations and interviews, he replied that the answer was no, if the term reputable was to be applied.

Professor Morris said that he would expect the leader of a team to have fully assessed the condition of both donor and recipient, and to have full knowledge of their medical condition if he was to be more than just a technician.

Mr Henderson asked whether he would regard the sort of practices described as acceptable. "No," answered Professor Morris.

The hearing continues today.

## Prisoners rioted over soccer goal

By Mark Souster

More than 90 prisoners at the Dartmoor top security prison rioted when a goal was disallowed during an inmates' football match, it was disclosed yesterday.

One man was injured when concrete slabs were broken up and hurled through windows overlooking the recreation yard. The incident, which took place last Saturday, was the worst for two years, according to Mr John May, the prison's governor. The cost of damage was estimated at £600.

A dozen prisoners who ignored orders to return to their cells were interviewed by the governor. They will face the Board of Visitors, charged with various offences, this week. The incident began when a prisoner argued with a prison officer who was refereeing a football match, over a disallowed goal. Allegedly, he then assaulted the officer. He was sent off, and trouble flared as he was led away, Mr May said. The disturbance lasted an hour.

"One prisoner in his cell was hit by a flying stone which went through the window and cut his eye. The staff managed the situation very well, and luckily we had our full complement of prison officers on duty," Mr May said.

"It could have been a very nasty incident. This is the first time in two years that there has been any significant damage to the prison." I disapprove very strongly of the demonstration."

## Local people are the key to regeneration, report says

By Charles Knevit, Architectural Correspondent

A report with 23 recommendations for community development projects will be launched today when Lord Scarman announces the fifth annual Community Enterprise Scheme, sponsored by The Times, the Royal Institute of British Architects and Business in the Community.

Called *Breaking the Deadlock - Releasing the Energy*, the report contains the findings of 10 working parties who met at last year's award ceremony conference, at which the Prince of Wales, patron of the scheme, was the principal speaker.

Dr Tony Gibson, the editor of the report and director of the Neighbourhood Initiatives Foundation, said yesterday that local people were the key to successful regeneration.

"Their investment, their sweat, money and material resources provided by outside bodies can prove a soggy mess."

The report recommends that decision-making should be devolved to local commu-



nities, through parish councils or neighbourhood development trusts; that training should be set up to enable the environmental professions to learn from local residents and vice versa; and that the best use be made of resources.

Dr Gibson said: "For every community enterprise which survives, there are scores which are strangled in infancy by what Prince Charles called the 'Cat's cradle of red tape which chokes this country'."

The conference was attended by more than 300 delegates, including local and central government officers and the private sector.

*Breaking the Deadlock - Releasing the Energy* (Neighbourhood Initiatives Foundation, Chapel House, 7 Gravel Leasowes, Lightmoor, TF4 3OL; £2.50)

## Sentence quashed Jailed mother happy to be home

By Michael Horsnell

Tracey Scott, the supermarket checkout girl jailed with her baby for theft, walked to freedom yesterday, and said "I'm very happy".

She had been the last to know of her impending release after the Court of Appeal decided on Monday to quash the six-month sentence imposed by Judge Pickles at Wakefield Crown Court.

An overnight message from Mr Ken Green, her solicitor, that Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, had ruled that she was wrongly imprisoned was not relayed to her at Styal Prison in Cheshire, where she has spent the past two weeks with her baby daughter Alesha, who is now aged 11 weeks.

"She must have been the only person in the country who did not know," Mr Green said, after the court had released her on two years' probation. "It was ironic. She was stunned because no one had told her. I shall be taking up the matter of why she was not told."

She had been under the impression that she was coming to London for the hearing of her appeal against sentence and had known nothing of what happened the day before. As she left the High Court with her mother, Mrs Marjorie Sylvester, and a friend carrying the baby wrapped in a yellow shawl, the unmarried mother, aged 19, smiled but declined to comment about her prison ordeal before being



Miss Scott, with her daughter Alesha, being kissed by her mother, Mrs Sylvester, after being released from prison.

Driven away in a taxi, Mr Green said that during their time in prison Tracey and the baby had lost weight and that Tracey had become very sullen. She found prison harrowing and the food inedible. "Tracey has had a bit of a

stomach upset, a bit of diarrhoea. There's a lot of it going around in the prison," he said.

"She has asked me to thank Lord Lane and the other appeal judges for allowing her appeal and also wants to thank

everyone who has supported her," Mr Green said. "She says her faith in British justice has been restored."

She was very bitter towards Judge Pickles, who sentenced her to six months' youth custody on January 2 for theft, and whose handling of the case was criticized by the appeal judges.

Judge Pickles had said that women could not escape imprisonment by deliberately becoming pregnant, although he accepted that Miss Scott had not done so.

Lord Lane said that Judge Pickles seemed to have been more concerned with the public import of what he was doing and saying than with the justice of it.

Miss Scott, who confessed that she had allowed supermarket customers to walk out with goods worth about £4,000 without paying, felt there was no need for him to send her to prison.

"She hopes the highlighting of her case will direct attention to other mothers and babies who are in prison," Mr Green said.

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# Farms count the cost of 'mad cow' disease

By Peter Davenport and Paul Wilkinson

Farmers are finding that "mad cow" disease appears to strike with no reason, usually singling out individual animals among scores in similar apparent health and fitness.

Mr Colin Barker, who runs the 150-acre Seavy Slack Farm at Stape, near Pickering, in the North Yorkshire moors, said his herd had included a five-year-old freisian, a good milker who never caused problems.

"She suddenly became vicious and unpredictable. You could be milking her normally all week then she would kick out without warning, sometimes just because you were walking past her," he said.

"She became nervous and, sometimes, when we were walking the cows back from their fields to the farm for milking, a passing car would spook her and off she would gallop up the road."

The character change was the first indication that the cow, which had earlier given birth to a bull calf, was the victim of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE). Mr Barker said: "It came out of the blue and made me realize that if it could happen to me it could happen to anybody. It was nothing we had done wrong. I had heard and read about the disease of course but at the time I didn't know of any other cases in our area. Since then, we have heard of it in the herds of other farmers."

Since BSE was first diagnosed in 1985, 9,000 cattle from the national herd of about four million have been put down after being infected. Con-



Cow carcasses being destroyed to stop the spread of "mad cow" disease, and (right) Mr Colin Barker with cattle on his farm in the North Yorkshire moors where one cow was infected.

firm cases are said to have doubled in the past six months. There have been 272 cases in North Yorkshire since the disease became notifiable in November 1986.

BSE is confined to Britain but fears that it might transfer from animals to humans has led to a damaging reaction in Europe. West Germany banned British beef in a move that led to a 14-country boycott, threatening the multi-million pound export trade and the domestic food market.

Britain exports 8,642 tons of beef worth £27,963,000 to West Germany each year. Annual beef exports to the EC are

101,136 tons, worth £238 million. Mr Barker, aged 35, who farms in partnership with his brother-in-law, Mr Eric Barrett, has been at Seavy Slack for 14 years. He was watching developments in Brussels yesterday with interest.

He received £370 compensation for the loss of his cow. Like many farmers, he is mystified by the virus which causes a progressive degeneration of the brain. At first, he said, it was thought to have been spread by infected feed.

Experts now believe it was hereditary. The diseased cow's calf is being fattened for beef, but Mr Barker said he was

convinced the disease could not spread from animals to humans.

The virus also attacked just one cow out of a herd of 160 at the 400-acre Suleway Farm of Mr Ralph Baker at Glastonbury, Somerset.

"It happened quite out of the blue about three months ago," he said. "One of my best milkers seemed to go lame and couldn't walk properly. We thought she had probably pulled a ligament somehow and called in the vet. He said straight away it was BSE."

"We carried out basic tests, like making her go through certain movements and back-

ing her into a corner of the pen, when she immediately started to get nervous, her tail and ears twitching. The vet said she should go straight away. I was staggered, but he gave her an injection to put her to sleep and then a big overdose of something to finish her off."

"She fitted exactly into the kind of animal likely to go down with BSE," Mr Baker claimed. "She was six and it was about six years ago when the feed manufacturers increased the content of the protein feed to 6 per cent of meat and bone meal. It was normally around 1 per cent

with the rest coming from imported fishmeal, but a weak pound that year meant they increased the proportion of home-produced meal and that was when the affected material got into the feed."

The virus has an estimated incubation period of six to seven years, although it has been found in cattle aged under three. Mr Peter Rudman, animal welfare advisor for the National Farmers' Union, said there were no tests to detect the illness before it took hold.

"The virus produces no anti-bodies in the animal so taking a blood test has no

effect at all," he said. Mr Barker received £400 in compensation and an NFU insurance policy topped up the cow's full value of £800. "Not every one has taken out cover," he said. "The compensation should be increased. That way it's in everyone's interest to report a case."

Mr Barker said: "It was not my fault. It was not bad animal husbandry or inefficiency. It was something over which I had no control. Because it has not occurred anywhere else in my herd, I am convinced it was that particular batch of feed and is not passed from animal to animal."

## Move to irradiate food 'is foolish'

By David Saperst

Claims of serious flaws in the scientific studies on which the Government based its decision to permit the sale of irradiated food in Britain will be made today by American researchers.

The disclosures come in the wake of a call yesterday by the Women's Institute. It said that much of the research had caused "considerable concern" and urged the Government not to lift the ban on irradiated food until more scientific studies are done.

Epidemiologists and biostatisticians at New Jersey Medical School say that the existing research - on which America's Food and Drug Administration approved food irradiation - ignored the unexplained deaths of laboratory animals, dismissed side-effects, pointed to vitamin deficiencies and, in some cases, involved virtually worthless experiments.

Dr Donald Louria, who headed the American investigation, says on Channel 4's *Dispatches* programme this evening that the British decision to allow irradiation at 10 times the level permitted in the US is "unbelievably foolish".

The Food Safety Bill, as presented before Parliament and empowering Mr John Gummer, the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, to introduce food irradiation, has been criticized by consumer groups. They fear the process could be used to "clean up" unfit food. It has also been questioned by the British Medical Association.

The American investigation of five research programmes on irradiation shows that in one study, laboratory dogs suffered side-effects such as enlarged spleens and lymph nodes but that these were dismissed as meaningless. In another, filters of rats fed on irradiated wheat died. In two others, the radiation doses were so low as to make the research irrelevant, according to Dr Louria.

Mr David Maclean, parliamentary secretary at the ministry, insists irradiation is safe. "We have checked it for ourselves for safety. Our expert advisory committee has been looking at it for seven years."

Jenny Seagrave, the actress, a member of Parents for Safe Food, says in tonight's programme that irradiation could be the thalidomide of the 90s.

## Guidelines issued to speed up doctors' disciplinary cases

By Craig Seton and Jill Sherman

Government guidelines are to be issued to health authorities in the next two weeks which will specify time limits on disciplinary procedures against hospital doctors for the first time.

The Department of Health is drawing up the long-awaited guidance after criticism about delays in settling disciplinary charges against doctors.

The present procedures mean they can be suspended on full pay for several years before their case is settled.

The guidance will follow closely recommendations compiled by a joint working party set up between the Government and the medical profession in 1987.

The group, which reported in 1988, suggested that more cases should be settled locally to avoid the need for lengthy disciplinary procedures at regional and national level.

Where a full disciplinary case did proceed, the group said it should be carried out under strict time limits so that it was settled within nine months of dismissal.

Doctors appealing against dismissal would have four months to prepare their case, and the health authority would have a further two months to submit its response.

The professional appeals committee would then be given three months to hear the case and make a decision.

If the case was referred to the Secretary of State for Health, he would have to make a decision within three months.

The working party recommended that the whole procedure should take no longer than a year after the employee was given notice of dismissal.

The guidelines being compiled would apply to cases like that of Dr Royce Darnell, aged 60, senior consultant microbiologist at Derby Royal Infirmary, who received full pay for six years following his suspension in 1982 until his dismissal by Trent Regional Health Authority was confirmed by the Secretary of State for Health in 1988.

Dr Darnell, who was accused of mismanagement, claimed he was unfairly dismissed when he took his case to an industrial tribunal in Nottingham on

A political party, founded by three GPs, will be launched today in Mrs Margaret Thatcher's Finchley constituency to oppose the Government's health service reforms (Jill Sherman writes). The NHS Supporters Party intends to field at least 50 candidates to oppose key Conservative seats in all by-elections and the next general election, including Finchley and Mr Kenneth Clarke's seat in Rushcliffe. Dr Judy Gilley, a co-founder and a GP in Finchley, said yesterday the aim of the party was "to defend and improve" the NHS for all its staff and patients.

Monday. The tribunal reserved its decision to a later date when the hearing ended yesterday.

The doctor's case, which began with complaints about him 10 years ago, was handled under a department circular to health authorities about the procedures to be followed in disciplinary matters.

Trent Regional Health Authority said yesterday that the case, which had gone twice to the High Court, had cost the

National Health Service several hundred thousand pounds.

"The figure is enormous. It has been a very complex case. We would like them to be very much shorter and streamlined. They are too long and expensive and it is totally unsatisfactory to everybody."

Dr Darnell said yesterday that he would continue to try to clear his name and win back his job, for which he was paid £30,000 a year.

Mr Andrew Browne, the chairman of the industrial tribunal, said that he and his two colleagues would study all the paperwork arising from Dr Darnell's claim before giving a judgement.

Earlier Mr John Milmo, QC, for the regional health authority, said an investigative panel set up by the authority to examine complaints against Dr Darnell had found no basis for his contention that a political struggle had been waged against him at the laboratory.

The tribunal was told that Dr Darnell was a victim of a political campaign, which included moves by the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs

to get medical science officers into senior positions in the consultant's departments.

The allegations against Dr Darnell had included failures of management and budget control, and to observe appointments procedures.

Mr Milmo said yesterday: "With great regret, we have to say this is the end of the road."

Mr Stuart Morgan, representing Dr Darnell, of Littleover, Derbyshire, said there had been insufficient reason to dismiss Dr Darnell, who had suffered procedural unfairness in the disciplinary action against him. He said a professional committee had advised the Secretary of State for Health that dismissal was an extreme course.

After the hearing Dr Darnell, who has worked in the health service since it was founded in 1948, said that if he had not lost his job he would now be earning £38,000 a year. He had been living on an overdraft since his dismissal was confirmed.

He said that he was determined to fight to get his job back. "It has destroyed my career."

## Banks appeal against ruling on London council's £6bn gamble

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Five big City banks yesterday challenged the ruling that a London council's gamble with £6 billion of ratepayers' money was illegal.

Mr Gordon Pollock, QC, for the banks, told the Court of Appeal that local councils were entitled to deal in the speculative interest rate swaps market, if they acted prudently.

The Audit Commission for Local Authorities in England and Wales had stated as recently as July 1987 that swaps were "a legitimate tool of debt management", Mr Pollock said.

The banks are seeking to overturn a Divisional Court ruling last November. The ruling - which threatens to land banks with huge losses - was made at the request of Mr Anthony Hazell, district auditor for the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham.

Mr Hazell intervened after the Labour-run council was accused of speculating with ratepayers' cash.

The ruling was welcomed by the council, which hopes to avoid having to pay more than £100 million it owes to banks and financial institutions after making massive losses on swap and option deals.

The council had admitted during an 11-day hearing that it embarked on an exercise outside its powers when it operated its capital markets fund account between 1987 and 1989. Mr Pollock yes-

terday accused Hammersmith and Fulham of "cynical opportunism" in the way it had "leapt upon the bandwagon" of the legal action taken by the district auditor.

He said it was to the council's advantage for the transactions to be declared *ultra vires*, as this would allow them to retain any proceeds they had made while rejecting calls for the payment of losses they might have made.

"Because of the way interest rates move there is at least a potential for considerable loss for the councils if interest rates stay at the levels which they are at."

He said between 70 and 90 local authorities had engaged in such transactions since 1982, although none had come close to the level of activity of Hammersmith and Fulham.

Mr Pollock, representing the Midland Bank, Security Pacific National Bank NA, Chemical Bank and Mitsubishi Finance International, accused the Divisional Court of taking too narrow an approach on the issue.

He called for its decision, which threatens banks with huge losses from their transactions with local authorities, to be quashed.

Barclays Bank is also fighting for the ruling to be overturned.

Mr Pollock told Sir Stephen Brown, President of the Family Division, and Lords Justices Nicholls and Bingham



Sir Stephen Brown: Figures difficult to comprehend.

that it was "unrealistic" to pretend local authorities could not use swap instruments for their debt management functions.

Counsel said that until 1988 the general belief was that interest-rate swaps were a tool of debt management and investment.

It was not until mid-1988 that "some disquiet arose among auditors as to the way in which some of these instruments were being used by local authorities".

The proper question to be asked was "whether or not local authorities had the capacity in general to enter into interest-rate swap transactions where they do so for purposes which are properly connected with their borrowing and investment".

Counsel said it was accepted that such transactions could be used for speculation and gambling. Any organization

which borrowed or lent money had a need to manage that activity and wished to manage it with a number of objectives.

Those objectives were to manage it as efficiently as possible, to minimize costs if you were a borrower and maximize returns if you were a lender.

Looking at the matter from a purely financial point of view was, he said, to dispute the proposition that debt and investment management, involving interest rate swaps, was "useful and desirable".

Mr Pollock said the banks had always accepted that Hammersmith and Fulham "threw themselves into the market with a degree of enthusiasm that was in marked contrast to other local authorities... It was simply part of a money-making scheme".

The Divisional Court simply did not have the evidence for it to reach "the global conclusion" that all swaps engaged in by councils were improper.

Mr Pollock said the interest-rate swap market had grown enormously since 1982. Although all the figures involved were "guesstimates" its notional capital value now amounted to "two trillion American dollars".

With a smile of bafflement, Sir Stephen said the courts had grown used to dealing with billions but these figures were difficult to comprehend.

The appeal hearing is expected to last two weeks.

## Field gives 'Militant' file to Labour

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

Mr Frank Field yesterday submitted evidence of alleged *Militant* infiltration of Labour parties on the Wirral to the party's National Executive Committee.

His 150-page dossier will be considered by Labour chiefs next week. Mr Field, who was deselected by his Birkenhead constituency party last month, hopes it will lead the executive to mount a full investigation into what he regards as the near-collapse of democratic Labour politics in the Wirral.

The evidence will go before the executive's organization subcommittee on Monday and then the full national

executive on Wednesday. The Labour MP, chairman of the all-party Commons social services committee, believes that an investigation would lead to a re-run of the ballot in which he won a majority of individual votes but was undone by the union block vote.

Mr Field said that about 20 people had helped him to compile his dossier, which covered the reselection context, the activities of constituency parties in parts of the Wirral, and the conduct of the Labour group on Wirral council.

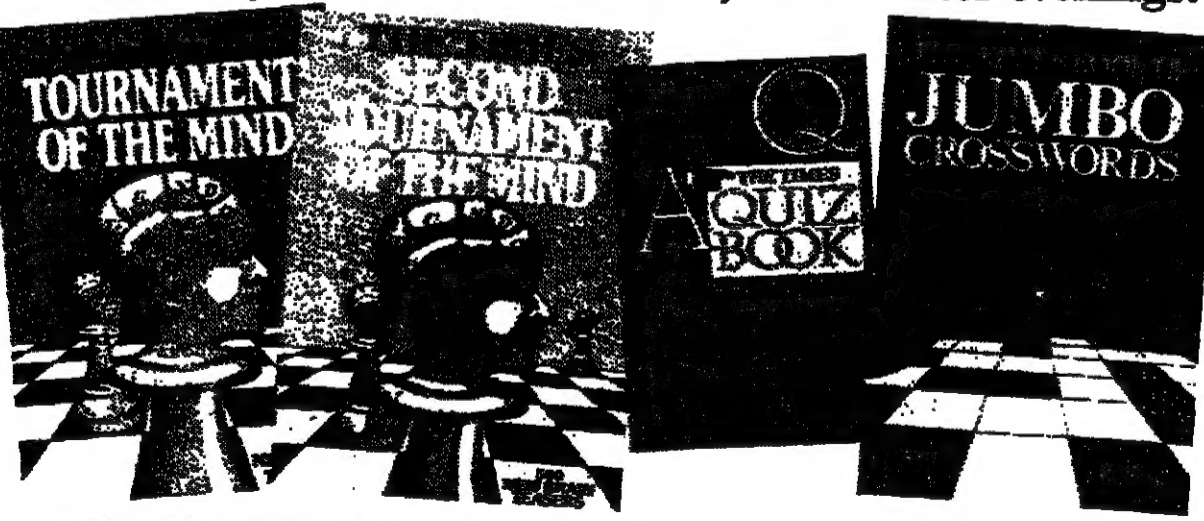
It dealt with a "much bigger issue" than his own difficulties, and ranged

across events in three constituencies. "My dossier contains a great deal of information about the breakdown of traditional democratic procedures in part of the area I represent," Mr Field said.

"We want action soon because we have local elections coming up and I am anxious that when people vote for Labour candidates they are voting for the genuine article."

Mr Field, who was replaced as the candidate by Mr Paul Davies, a Transport and General Workers' Union official, declined to say whether his rival was named in the dossier.

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# Schools warned that 'bargain' equipment might drain funds

By David Tytler, Education Editor

School governors were given a warning yesterday that they could waste thousands of pounds on unsuitable equipment, from computers to paper and pencils, bought from unscrupulous salesmen.

Schools, which spend about £300 million a year on equipment through local authorities, will be able to buy direct from manufacturers as heads and governors take over their day-to-day running, handling large sums of money.

A 450-pupil primary school, for example, will be responsible for an annual budget of about £500,000.

Mr Michael Page, of Acorn Computers, said: "To a naive governor the deal may look very good, but it could end up costing the school several thousand pounds, perhaps 50 per cent or more of their available funds."

He was speaking at the launch of a code of conduct published by the British Educational Equipment Association and backed by the Department of Education and Science.

Mr Page said that some computer manufacturers sold equipment to schools which was totally unsuitable for their needs. "Governors can end up spending a lot of money on something which does not prove useful to the school."

Mr Dominic Savage, director of the association, said: "The freedom to purchase will encourage many unscrupulous companies and many more unscrupulous salesmen to de-

sire a fast buck out of the education market.

"There will be pressures from advertising and salesmen and companies outside the true educational industry, to purchase products which may well be appropriate in other environments but which do not meet educational standards, which are not of suitable quality, or which may even be dangerous in school use."

"There will be a temptation, and perhaps an enthusiasm from some governors, to buy locally, and at a cheap price, furniture designed for home use which will last no time at

all in a school environment."

Mr Savage said he knew of one school which bought large quantities of cheap test tubes which, if put over a Bunsen burner, cracked or exploded. He said the code would make clear the suitable use of equipment and would publish any necessary safety precautions.

Governors are to be given extra training in recruiting teachers, Mrs Angela Rumbold, Minister of State at the Department of Education and Science, said yesterday.

She told the Engineering Council's national workshop on school governor training in London that the Government was spending £150,000 on a

video which would be available in the autumn. "Staff selection is an area in which many governors will be personally involved, and where a wrong decision can have major and long-term consequences for a school. But many governors will have no experience of staff selection, or experience gained in a very different context."

A city technology college is to be opened in Corby, Northamptonshire, sponsored for £2 million by a local farmer and other businessmen.

The main sponsor, Mr Hugh de Capell Brooke, is a Cambridge graduate and qualified teacher. He said: "The intensive use of technology at work places puts ever increasing demands on training standards and requires new skills from the educational system."

"This new school will demonstrate what can be achieved with a different approach, and will act as a catalyst for improvement of educational standards."

Corby technology college will be built on a new site near planned residential development and will open in September 1991. There will be five forms of entry, providing 900 co-educational places.

## Security man's bill of £17,000 on chatline

By Ray Clancy

Communication skills should be included in the National Curriculum, according to a report published yesterday.

Society is in danger of suffering a "greenhouse effect" disaster which will leave people unable to relate to each other on a human level, it says.

The report, *Talking Families*, published by the National Family Trust, a registered charity, and British Telecom, found that parents, especially mothers, are spending less time at home with their children, who are growing up unable to communicate basic emotions.

"Not to communicate, not to touch or give any signals is not to relate; while not to relate is, in a very significant sense, not to be human," the report says.

It suggests that both verbal and non-verbal skills need to be given more space in the education system.

Although the Government is deciding whether speaking and listening should be given equal importance to reading

and writing Professor Richard Whitfield, chairman of the trust who wrote the introduction to the report and is emeritus professor of education at Aston University, urged that the whole issue of social ecology should not be overlooked.

"There is a huge yawning gap in the National Curriculum which is too concerned with the education of the head. It is no use understanding all about mathematics and English if we neglect understanding ourselves."

He added: "The National Curriculum does not cater effectively for communications skills. We are in danger of having a greenhouse effect on social ecology."

The report, based on interviews with a sample of 200 people nationally, found that women use the telephone more often than men.

*Talking Families* (National Family Trust, 101 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4P 4EP, and British Telecom, £50; £10 for non-commercial organisations).

## 24-hour security watch on bridge to deter suicide attempts

By Peter Davenport



Mr John Trebble: Action a question of how, not when.

A council criticized by a coroner for failing to make safe a bridge from which 47 people have fallen to their deaths in the past 20 years posted 24-hour security guards yesterday in an attempt to prevent more deaths.

The guards will patrol the imposing Valley Bridge, Scarborough, after the fourth death fall from the bridge this year.

The police formally named the latest victim as Miss Christine Mary Collins, aged 45, of Cottingham, Hull, who was found dead on the road beneath the bridge on Monday.

An inquest was opened yesterday

## Michelin Man figures in sale of automobile art



Mr John Baddeley, sale organizer of the Khachadourian Collection of automobile art, with a cast of Michelin Man and examples of the collection of more than 500 posters, paintings, prints, models and trophies, which is being offered privately for sale by Sotheby's. It is expected to fetch more than £1 million.

## Renoir's 'Au Moulin' may test world record

By Sarah Jane Checkland  
Art Market Correspondent

Sotheby's could break the world record for a work of art by offering one of Renoir's most famous subjects in a New York sale.

"Au Moulin de la Galette", which shows weekend revellers at the open-air dance hall of that name in Montmartre, is being sold by the estate of Mr John Hay Whitney (1904-1982), the former United States Ambassador to the Court of St James and publisher of the *International Herald Tribune*. It is estimated at \$40 to \$50 million.

The record is \$53.9 million (£30.2 million) for Gogh's "Irises", paid by Mr Alan Bond, the Australian businessman, in November 1987.

"Au Moulin", Renoir's first attempt at a big crowd scene, was painted in 1876 from the window of a studio in the nearby Rue Cortot, which he rented to achieve the view.

The subject is famous through a bigger version at the Musée d'Orsay, Paris. However, art historians believe the Whitney version, which measures 31in by 44in, was actually painted on the spot.

Prior to the sale on May 16, the painting will be flown on a promotional tour to major capitals around the world.

It is the second genuine contender to Van Gogh's record, the first being Picasso's "An

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Mr Nash is more recent about the Renoir, simply describing the work as "the quintessential Impressionist painting". However, the consensus yesterday was that it does stand a chance of breaking the record because

Renoir is the most popular Impressionist in Japan, where buyers seem limitless.

A brother of Joan Whitney Payson, the one-time owner of "Irises" and "An Lapin Agile", Mr John Hay Whitney was a major art benefactor, becoming a trustee of the Museum of Modern Art, New York, in 1930, its president in 1941 and chairman from 1946 to 1956. From 1961 to 1979, he was a trustee of the National Gallery of Art, Washington.

Mr Whitney bought "La Moulin" from Knoedler and Company, the dealers, in 1929 when he was in his twenties. It is being sold for "estate planning purposes".

A 10'10in silver model of Sun Chariot, the legendary racehorse, presented to Sir Gordon Richards, the jockey, in 1954, reached past its £1,000 estimate to £5,940 at Sotheby's Chester yesterday.

The model, by Garrard and Co, the London silversmith, was bought by Mr William Faxon-Smith, of Shropshire, Sir Gordon's home county. He said the price was "extremely good value". The underbidder was Mrs Marjorie Read, Sir Gordon's daughter.

## Flying doctors 'could save hundreds'

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

A national network of "flying doctor" helicopters could save hundreds of accident victims every year who die before reaching hospital, a surgeon told a conference on head injuries yesterday.

The first such helicopter, based on a hospital roof and with medical specialists on constant standby, will go into operation in London in June.

It can be scrambled in two minutes and can reach any part of the city or section of the M25, the capital's orbital motorway, within 10 minutes. Casualties can then be flown to one of more than 80 Thames Valley hospitals.

The aim is to exploit what doctors call the "golden hour" — the time between serious injury and skilled hospital treatment, when many patients bleed to death or die from blocked breathing passages.

Mr Richard Earlam, a consultant surgeon at the London Hospital, Whitechapel, where the helicopter will be based, said yesterday that Britain "was a Third World country" in its use of helicopters for medical rescues.

"We are virtually the last in Europe to do this. West Germany has 35 such helicopters," he told the conference, organized at the London Hospital by the College of Occupational Therapists.

"We know that at least 5,000 people a year die from accident injuries and that 30 per cent of those deaths are preventable. These are patients who die before we can get them to hospital."

"It is our obligation to show that fast transport of severely injured people is a winner and to persuade the Government that it is worthwhile. There is

a case to be made for covering the whole country with an emergency helicopter network. Only four or five such aircraft might be needed to cover England and Wales, he said.

The helicopter, with a small team of specialists and paramedics, could provide life-saving care at the accident scene and resuscitation and support during transportation, which would be at speed and in relative comfort.

"The golden hour for the treatment of trauma includes response and transport time, both of which must be kept as short as possible."

The Department of Health is paying for the helipad. It will evaluate the project over three years before deciding whether to extend it. The operating costs of a single helicopter and its medical

team are, however, several million pounds a year.

Health authorities will have to merge into larger units and all hospitals should become self-governing if the Government's reforms are to succeed, a leading health policy analyst said yesterday (Jill Sherman writes).

Mr Gordon Best, director of the King's Fund College, said it would be a disaster if 190 district health authorities, an indefinite number of GPs and over a hundred local authorities were all buying services under an internal market, as the reforms propose.

Speaking at a conference held by the National Association of Health Authorities he said that if there were too many individual purchasers they would have no "leverage" to secure efficient, high-quality services.

More patients are being treated in the NHS despite a 5 per cent cut in beds, according to figures published yesterday by the Department of Health.

The latest statistical bulletin shows that in the year ending March 31, 1989, there was a 1 per cent increase in in-patient admissions and day cases treated, from 7.5 to 7.6 million. However, in the same period the average number of beds available fell from 297,000 to 283,000.

The rise in numbers treated is almost entirely due to a reduction in the time patients spend in hospital and a rise in day cases.

In 1979 the average length of stay for an acute medical procedure was 11.2 days, falling to 8.2 days in 1987/88. Similarly the average geriatric admission fell from 77.5 days in 1979 to 41.4 days.

## Crisis forces Ashmolean to consider charging for entry

By Simon Tait, Arts Correspondent

The Ashmolean Museum, Britain's oldest public museum, may have to charge for admission. However, Dr Christopher White, its director, said he would put off the introduction of charges for as long as possible.

The financial crisis at the Oxford museum, which houses one of the world's finest art collections, stems from a 2.2 per cent funding cut instituted last year as the beginning of a five-year retrenchment period.

The 2.2 per cent cut will accumulate to 11 per cent in 1995, and an annual deficit for the five years rising to £95,000.

In 1991 it is expected to be about £60,000, Dr White said. A £3.2 million appeal for the museum was launched last May with Mrs Anne Heseltine, wife of the former Secretary of State for Defence, as chairman.

Of this money, £1 million is earmarked for more exhibition space and the rest for running costs. A grant of £150,000

from the Clow Foundation has recently boosted the appeal fund to £250,000.

Funded as a department of Oxford University, the Ashmolean's governing body consists of visitors, a board of donors chaired by the university vice-chancellor.

The university gives the museum £800,000 for running costs and pays the salaries of senior academic staff.

The annual report said only an exceptional £25,000 grant from the university prevented the museum having to consider instituting charges last year.

The Ashmolean opened in 1683, charging sixpence to visitors. By 1939 the entrance fee had become a penny, and charges were then waived.

There is to be a meeting of the Visitors in March to discuss whether to introduce charges in 1990-91, but the provisional decision was made that a charge would be in force only for "as long as absolutely necessary", that members of

the university be admitted free, and that there be one free day a week for the general public.

"From the financial point of view we do not know if it is an effective option," Dr White said.

"We don't get so many visitors that a drop of 40 per cent, which is the accepted calculation, would make it worthwhile, and we should have to pay for extra staff or have expensive equipment put in," he said.

The museum receives about 200,000 visitors a year.

Trustees of the Victoria and Albert Museum, which has operated a system of voluntary admission donations since 1985, are expected to consider imposing compulsory charges in the light of last week's House of Commons Select Committee recommendation in favour of charges.

The committee's report came out strongly against such schemes as that operated by the museum.

## Libel actions settled

Sonia Sutcliffe, the estranged wife of Peter Sutcliffe, the Yorkshire Ripper, yesterday accepted "substantial" damages at the High Court in London to settle two libel actions.

Mrs Sutcliffe's solicitor, Miss Eileen Pemberton, told Mr Justice Michael Davies that the *Daily Express*, on April 27, 1987, quoted allegations by the mothers of two of Sutcliffe's victims that she must have known or suspected her husband's guilt, but failed to report him to the police. A second article in the *Daily Star* on October 12, 1988, said Mrs Sutcliffe had been so promiscuous that her elderly parents threw her out of their house. Express Newspapers, publisher of the two newspapers, has withdrawn the allegations and apologized unreservedly. It also agreed to pay Mrs Sutcliffe's costs.

### Library offer

The Lords Feoffees and Assistants of the Manor of Bridlington, founded in 1630, have offered to pay for a £1.5 million library to be built in the Humberside resort.

### Oldest recruit

A woman aged 41 became the oldest recruit to join the Devon and Cornwall police yesterday. Mrs Christine Brown, of Camborne, Cornwall, will be stationed at Penryn.

### Camera curb

Police in Lumb Lane, Bradford, West Yorkshire, are installing remote-control video cameras, costing £80,000, to clamp down on prostitution.

### Runner dies

An inquest is to be held after a man aged 23 tripped while running in Penrith, Cumbria. Mark Tremble, of Old London Road, Penrith, hit his head on the pavement and died instantly.

### China jobs go

The Royal Doulton Minton factory in Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, is making 170 workers redundant.

### Breath case

Two breath test charges against the Mayor of Truro, Cornwall, were adjourned by magistrates yesterday. Christopher Mason, an accountant aged 52, of Drump Road, Redruth, will appear in court again in five weeks.

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# Romania asks UK to ensure foreign observers for poll

From Christopher Walker, Bucharest

Leading members of some of the seven new opposition parties in Romania have appealed to Britain to ensure that foreign observers are in place for the election promised in April to see that polling is fair.

The appeals were made during a two-day visit by Mr William Waldegrave, the Minister of State at the Foreign Office, who used talks with executive members of the ruling National Salvation Front to offer British aid in organizing the poll, including the provision of 1,000 tons of free paper for campaign literature.

Mr Waldegrave said the requests for election observers would be passed to the Council of Europe, which he believed might be able to step in. He said that he had urged leaders of the provisional Government to act quickly to establish a round table conference of all shades of Romanian opinion.

His initiative to press for the setting-up of the round table came after hints on Monday by Mr Aurel Munteanu, the Front's official spokesman, that the idea may have been scrapped in favour of individual talks with the leading parties. The British minister insisted that, as well as politicians, it should include churchmen and other non-political representatives.

Mr Waldegrave said he had been impressed by claims by Mr Dumitru Mazilu and Professor Silviu Brucan, two Front leaders, that his hold on power was only intended as an interim measure.

He admitted there was still

confusion about what role individual Front leaders would play in the poll, and differences over the optimum date for holding it.

He added that the presence of the world's press in large numbers would be another deterrent to efforts to subvert the poll. If the round table wanted, he said, Britain was prepared to provide the same large degree of practical assistance as it did during the recent polling in Namibia.

Although Mr Waldegrave was on his first visit to Romania, his credentials were enhanced by the attack made

Bucharest (AFP) — Another mass grave containing bodies of people tortured and killed in the revolution has been found in the Romanian city of Timisoara, the newspaper *Adelara* said yesterday. Emotion was running high as a result of the report, with residents searching cemeteries for more bodies, local people said.

on him under the Ceausescu regime when he was accused of "menacing, revisionist Hungarian plots".

Describing the more serious problems facing Romania than other recently liberated East bloc countries, he said: "In all of them, the communists had oppressed the basic institutions of a free society. Ceausescu managed to do something even more, which was to destroy the alternative power structure of the Communist Party as well, so the vacuum is even greater."

He stressed to the Front leaders, the need to provide

opposition groups with free access to Romania's television channel. "Some people clearly feel that the electoral process may be hijacked by Communists with a slightly gentler face, but Communists nevertheless," he said.

Mr Waldegrave said he had received information that Romania's new constitution would be put to the elected assembly in draft form for final consideration. Referring to recent rumours of a possible military coup, he stated: "I do not detect a feeling that the military is about to take over. But it may well be that in particular places where there is a complete collapse of the administration the only viable temporary structure will be the army point."

The minister said Britain had also pledged this week to give serious consideration to a request from the Romanian interim Government to help it build a new independent diplomatic service. It is severely crippled because many of its envoys are Ceausescu men without even simple language skills.

Mr Waldegrave said there were differences within the Front about how to phrase the promised January 28 referendum on the future of the Communist Party. "If it is not banned, in constitutional terms that seems to be the right decision," the minister explained. "If you have a free election, then everyone must be allowed to stand. And as one leader pointed out, it is unlikely that anyone is going to run on a programme of continuity with the old Communist Party."

## Armenians flee ethnic violence



Armenian refugees from Baku arriving at the Zvartnots airport in Yerevan after a perilous journey to escape from the bitter ethnic fighting which has broken out in Azerbaijan between the Muslim Azerbaijanis and the Christian Armenians.

## Havel honours Palach sacrifice

From Peter Green, Prague

A cold breeze blew in from the Vltava river as more than 5,000 Prague citizens gathered in the square on the bank yesterday on the 20th anniversary of the day Jan Palach, a 21-year-old student, set himself alight in Wenceslas Square in protest against the invasion of Czechoslovakia by Warsaw Pact troops and the repression of the Prague Spring reforms.

For the first time in two decades, the police kept their distance and the commemoration went undisturbed as Mr Václav Havel, the dissident playwright turned President, spoke from the steps of the Philharmonic Hall. He renamed the square in Palach's honour and unveiled of a bronze cast of Palach's death mask by Oldřich Zoubek, a Prague sculptor.

Previously, the square had been called Square of the Red Army Soldiers, for the Soviet troops said to have been buried there during the Second World War. The sculpture will be placed inside the Charles University Philosophy faculty, where Palach studied and which borders the square. A handful of Czech flags flew and a brass sextet played a somber procession music. Several students in the crowd knelt with lit candles.

For President Havel the day was a personal anniversary as well, as he told the cheering crowd in a brief speech. "In an hour it will be one year to the day since I and some other people tried to put flowers at the base of the statue of Saint Wenceslas and we were arrested," he said.

"When after 14 days in prison, I learned about the support of the people and that they were protesting against this imprisonment, I felt that after 20 years Jan Palach's absolute sacrifice had begun to be appreciated."

"Then it was my feeling. Today it is my conviction."



Jan Palach, who died for his dream of Czechoslovakia.

Before us opens what Palach longed for and what Palach dreamed about. Now it is up to us if it will really happen."

The French actor Yves Montand, speaking for the Paris-based international committee for Charter 77, made his group's 11th annual Jan Palach award for Human Rights activism to Czechoslovakian students, whose protests last November launched their country's velvet revolution.

"Today for the first time the Jan Palach prize can be awarded here in Prague. Long live free and democratic Czechoslovakia," Mr Montand said. Mr Havel himself received the award in 1982, while in jail for his dissident activities.

Mr Martin Benda and Mr Martin Klíma, leaders of the student movement, accepted the award on behalf of Czechoslovakia's students.

"We university students began this revolution and in some way we feel responsible for it," said Mr Benda.

"This would be a dreadful responsibility if we didn't know that we were supported by the majority of society. That is why we see the future with hope, and that is why we will win."

## Stasi headquarters under siege

From Anne McElroy, East Berlin

The locals call it Stasigrad, the 5½ square kilometres of an East Berlin suburb taken up by the sprawl of the former Stasi headquarters. Yesterday it stood empty, vandalised in an orgy of revenge by thousands of incensed East Berliners on Monday night.

The number of policemen guarding the 40 entrances to the complex has doubled to 400. At a press conference yesterday they said they had been helpless to prevent the masses from storming the building. There is said to be damage worth millions of marks.

Behind the bullet-proof gates, the walls are covered with spray-can graffiti, ranging from jokes to accusations and threats, the gamut of emotion which is the legacy of the Stasi's security service. At the entrance is the message: "Herr Mielke: I want my file back and then your head." Herr Mielke, the former Min-

ister of State Security, is probably safest where he is — under arrest in an unnamed prison outside East Berlin on charges of corruption and suspected treason.

His personal legacy is a giant concrete shield in front of the entrance to his office, clumsily disguised as an abstract statue. "He had an obsession about being shot as he got out of his car," the young policeman standing guard says.

Herr Mielke's paranoia was such that even the Politburo used to joke about it. After his enforced retirement in November, they discovered that he had kept files on them as well.

In the main building, torn documents lie scattered in heaps on stairways. In the cellars are fragments of financial records which the former security men tried to destroy before the building was put under police guard in December. The vandalised building

seems almost pitiful. Under the gaze of busts of Lenin and the ubiquitous motto, "Proletarians of all lands unite", thousands of tiny offices processed information collected by official and unofficial collaborators.

The door of Room 312 now hangs off its hinges, battered down by the Monday protesters. On the floor lie piles of the main restaurants in East Berlin, which show corner tables set aside for Stasi workers.

In the next-door office lie heaps of records of foreign trips undertaken by East German youth groups, their names and addresses dutifully passed on by the country's travel bureau.

Sergeant Wolf Reincke, guarding the hall where Herr Mielke used to deliver three-hour lectures on Marxism, indicates the graffiti on the podium: "Psycho terror for Mielke: We will be back," and

shrugs: "This lust for revenge is the most dangerous thing, it seems to have eaten into everyone."

The opening up of the Stasi headquarters has revealed the extent of their privileges — special health facilities, supermarkets and a perfectly maintained football pitch. The travel bureau offered trips abroad at a fraction of the normal price.

On Monday night, files of the Stasi's activities in other countries were discovered, including its anti-Solidarity work in Poland.

Opposition groups have now moved into the complex round the clock to supervise the dissolution of the Stasi.

Even on Monday, Stasi employees were still working in the building. The few who turned up for work yesterday were sent home by the police. Sgt Reincke said: "It would be impossible to guarantee their security here at the moment."

## Gorbachov's years in power marked by growing unrest

The bloodshed in Azerbaijan and Armenia is the latest in a series of incidents of violent unrest in the Soviet Union since Mr Gorbachov came to power in March 1985.

1986 December — Clashes in the Central Asian republic of Kazakhstan claim at least three lives.

1988 February — Violence between Armenians and Azerbaijanis over Nagorno-Karabakh. More than 90 die as clashes continued for much of the year.

October — Troops in the Byelorussian capital, Minsk, use tear gas against demonstrators by tens of thousands demanding more democracy.

1989 Spring — Demonstrations in Moldavia broken up by police and troops.

April — Troops use shovels and poison gas to break up peaceful nationalist demonstration in Tbilisi, Georgia; 20 people die.

June — Gangs of Uzbeks hunt down minority Meskhetian Turks in Uzbekistan's Fergana Valley. At least 100 people killed and 1,500 injured, mostly Meskhetians.

July — Rioting gangs seize weapons from police and troops in Black Sea region of Abkhazia; 20 people die in week of ethnic violence.

August — Some 300 men attack Armenian truck convoy travelling through Nagorno-Karabakh, injuring more than 20. Police wielding batons attack demonstrators in Kiev, injuring dozens.

September — Military planes airlift 500 Meskhetians from Uzbekistan as ethnic violence spreads.

October — Nationalist demonstrators attack police in the Uzbekistan capital, Tashkent, and other cities.

November — Several thousand people clash with police in Kishinyov, Moldavia. Three

days later, 6,000 people demand release of 20 people arrested on Revolution Day. Protesters attack interior ministry in Kishinyov with rocks and petrol bombs. Some 130 people hurt.

December — Police open fire on thousands of demonstrators in Baku, capital of Azerbaijan, demanding curbs on local party officials. Demonstrators later attack interior ministry. Azerbaijanis destroy border fences on the frontier with Iran and Turkey and violence flares between Azerbaijanis and Armenians over Nagorno-Karabakh.

1990 January — Crowds riot along border between Soviet Azerbaijan and Iran, attacking border posts. Soviet troop reinforcements deployed in remote region of Caucasus mountains, where tension mounts between rival Georgian and Ossetian communities.

## Bonn explores ways to make nation less attractive to settlers

From Ian Murray, Bonn

A special government working group is to find ways of making West Germany a less attractive place for settlers, notably East Germans.

With ethnic German refugees still pouring into the country at up to 3,000 a day, politicians are becoming alarmed at the social consequences of absorbing so many people — and at the financial cost of paying them such generous allowances.

Every ethnic German has the automatic right to a West German passport and all the social benefits he or she would qualify to receive if they had lived, worked and paid contributions all their life.

With around one million such refugees arriving to claim these benefits in the past two years, the special working group has been

charged to find ways of cutting them back to persuade would-be new arrivals that it is better to stay where they are and work for a better life.

Herr Julius Cronenberg, the social affairs spokesman for the Free Democrats — junior partners

Bucharest (AP) — Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, yesterday said that more than 100,000 ethnic Germans living in Romania plan to emigrate to West Germany despite the reform process ushered in by the revolution.

in the government coalition — said yesterday that the grants available to help these refugees integrate needed to be reviewed now that the idea of "one Germany" was becoming more concrete.

People should no more be considered for special aid because

they moved from one state in East Germany to one in West Germany than if they moved between two West German states, he said.

The Christian Democrats are not prepared to go that far yet, however, and are looking at less radical cuts. Under the chairmanship of Herr Norbert Blüm, the Christian Democrats Labour Minister, the special group is to consider ways of cutting the right to an automatic full pension.

One suggestion that has been advanced is that no pension should be payable to former members of the communist party, government officials, professional soldiers or to members of the state security services, such as the East German Stasi.

Pensions, however, are only a minor part of the problem. Most of the refugees are young, with no more than around 10 per cent of those arriving in recent years being

of pensionable age. Another idea is to limit the amount of free medical help available to treatment for acute illness. Other than that, refugees would need to be paid-up members of a health insurance scheme, like other citizens.

The opposition Social Democrats, who already want the Government to spend more money quickly in East Germany to improve living conditions there so that people do not want to leave, are pressing for a government statement tomorrow.

Herr Hans-Jochen Vogel, the Social Democrats' leader, has demanded that the Government set up a cross-border joint social security scheme which would improve payments to those remaining in East Germany, while restricting payments to refugees in West Germany to the same level.

● Treaty talks: The promised co-operation treaty between Bonn and

East Berlin will not be signed before the East German election on May 6, the government coalition agreed here yesterday during a second session of talks on intra-German relations.

Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, will, however, make it clear in a policy statement to the Bundestag tomorrow that work will go ahead on economic co-operation, health aid, telephone improvements and environmental protection.

Frau Christina Luft, the East German Economics Minister, yesterday made a first visit to Bonn, and Herr Klaus Töpfer, the West German Environment Minister, reciprocated with a first visit to the most polluted areas of East Germany and agreed to co-operate in a clean-up programme, but the full "community of treaties" between the two Germanies will have to wait until after Bonn is sure that

the May 6 election has been fairly conducted.

The coalition decided it was not appropriate before then to sign the comprehensive co-operation treaties, which were agreed in principle when Chancellor Kohl met Herr Hans Modrow, the East German Prime Minister, in Dresden just before Christmas.

Signing is considered too important an event to be left to a transitional government, led by a communist who could turn the occasion to electoral advantage.

For similar reasons, Chancellor Kohl continues to be under pressure from within the coalition not to meet Herr Modrow again before the election.

Herr Modrow did, however, travel to West Berlin yesterday evening for a second meeting with Herr Walter Momper, the Mayor. The two discussed how better to integrate the two halves of Berlin.



Peace overture: Lieutenant-General Manfred Grätz, left, and Admiral Dieter Wellershof, respectively representing East and West Germany at the Vienna seminar yesterday.

## Top brass of East and West bury Cold War

From Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent, Vienna

The first-ever lunch party to be held between Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir David Craig, chief of the defence staff and a man of impeccable British reserve, and General Mikhail Moiseyev, chief of the Soviet General Staff, resplendent with bushy eyebrows and eight rows of military badges, took place at the Bristol Hotel in downtown Vienna yesterday.

It is to be hoped that the Soviet general had a good interpreter with him because a glance at the list of delegates attending the extraordinary seminar for East-West top military commanders in the Austrian capital might at first cause some confusion.

It is all in German and Sir David appears as a Marshal of the Royal Luftwaffe. But perhaps that helped to underline for General Moiseyev the cohesiveness and co-operation of the NATO alliance.

Sir David has been in the job for

exactly the same period as his Soviet counterpart — since December, 1988.

Yesterday he was quick to point out to an eager BBC man before the opening session of the seminar that he was "not in the business of giving away secrets" to his new Eastern bloc colleagues.

So lunch threatened to be a rather dry affair, possibly with chitchat about how neither would ever attack each other and the problems of dealing with redundant officers, the real victims of the sudden demise of the Cold War.

However, the British interpreter at the lunch insisted that the conversation between the two was so full of substance that neither had time to finish his plate of lamb and vegetables.

Before the lunch began, Sir David, wearing the blue uniform of the RAF, and the Russian, wearing brown,

exchanged courtesies as they shook hands and talked of co-operation.

Sir David was accompanied at the lunch by General Sir Richard Vincent, the vice-chief of the defence staff, who had already met the Soviet general during a five-day visit to the Soviet Union last month. Yesterday's opening session of the seminar in the ballroom of the Hofburg Palace epitomized the way East-West relations have been transformed in recent months.

General Colin Powell, chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, having just overseen Operation Just Cause, the American invasion of Panama, and wearing only five rows of military badges, shook hands vigorously with General Moiseyev.

The seating arrangements for the seminar, something which in the Cold War days often proved to be the

trickiest of all negotiations in East-West meetings, was resolved in masterly fashion. Each chief of the defence staff sat according to French alphabetical order, although the names of the countries were in German.

So the US was six places to the right of the Soviet Union and Britain was wedged between France and Greece. East and West Germany were, of course, next to each other.

The Soviet team behind General Moiseyev included a gentleman called Victor Kalashnikov, an arms expert.

Since the seminar embraces 35 countries — Nato, Warsaw Pact and non-aligned European nations — smaller military powers such as Cyprus, Malta and Switzerland were represented. Non-military powers like the Holy See, San Marino and Monaco were also there to keep a watchful eye on the proceedings.



THE CHANGING FACE OF EUROPE

# Dialogue in Bulgaria but Communists hold reins

From Michael Hornsby, Sofia

Bulgaria's Communist Government began round-table talks in the National Assembly building here yesterday with leaders of the opposition alliance which has emerged since the fall of the country's former Stalinist ruler, Mr Todor Zhivkov, two months ago after 35 years in power.

The talks were almost broken off before they had begun when the opposition delegates threatened to walk out unless basic demands for a newspaper and printing press, a building in which to meet and organise, and guaranteed access to a state-run television were met immediately.

After withdrawing for 15 minutes to consider their position, while several hundred of their restive supporters called for the Government's resignation outside the assembly building, the opposition leaders announced that they would be satisfied with a written document agreeing to their demands by tomorrow morning, when the talks are due to resume.

The head of the government delegation, Mr Andrei Lukinov, a senior Politburo figure who rose to prominence after Mr Zhivkov was dislodged on November 10, said he was optimistic that the request for a newspaper could be met at once and the other demands soon afterwards.

The leader of the opposition alliance, Mr Zhelev Zhelev, a professor of philosophy, said there could only be a dialogue with the Government if both sides were on "an equal footing".

All newspapers, printing presses and newsprint, as well as radio and television and all public buildings, are still effectively owned or controlled by the Communist Party. The opposition says that under these conditions it cannot put its views to the public or prepare for the elections scheduled to be held by June.

The opposition alliance, known as the Union of Democratic Forces, comprises 12 trade union, civil rights, environmental and political groups led mainly by academics and writers. More than 50,000 people turned out in freezing temperatures last Sunday to attend a rally in support of the alliance outside Sofia's Aleksandr Nevsky Cathedral in the biggest pro-democracy demonstration since Mr Zhivkov's removal.

On Monday, the communist-dominated National Assembly voted without dissent to abolish clauses in the constitution that had guaranteed the party's monopoly on political power.

Mr Lukinov has rejected demands for live radio and television coverage of the round table talks. In an interview, he claimed that the Union of Democratic Forces already had "more access to radio and television than an opposition generally has in a western country. As we move towards elections, there will be regulated access for opposition groups to television."

Indeed, the apparatus of Communist Party power remains very much intact. The central committee is still unchanged as are most of the provincial structures of the party. Western observers believe that a party congress scheduled for the end of the month could see a fierce struggle between the new reformist leadership and die-hard Zhivkovist elements.

# Yeltsin at the heart of capitalism



Mr Boris Yeltsin, the radical Soviet Deputy, inspecting a computer room during his visit yesterday to the Tokyo Stock Exchange. Later he called on the United States and Japan to help the Soviet Union set up its own exchange.

## EC presidency

# Irish deal fresh blow to Thatcher

From Peter Gailford, Strasbourg

Events in Eastern Europe have given the European Community no choice but to quicken the pace of its own integration, and the Irish Government will push for greater union during its six-month EC presidency, Mr Gerry Collins, the Irish Foreign Minister, announced yesterday.

The move will be another blow to Mrs Thatcher's belief that the Community should shelve its greater ambitions — notably full economic and monetary union — at least until Eastern Europe is more settled.

European Monetary Union, together with another of Mrs Thatcher's *bêtes noires*, the Social Charter, is also high on Ireland's list of priorities for the coming months.

Unveiling the Irish EC strategy to the full European Parliament in Strasbourg yesterday, Mr Collins admitted that he would "not be drawing any rabbits out of a hat".

Ireland has chosen to play safe, launching few new initiatives while at the same time maintaining the considerable momentum built up towards the end of last year by the French. During its presidency it will busy itself with further preparations for the inter-governmental conference on monetary union, to be opened by the Italians before the end of the year, and will report on its progress to EC government leaders at their Dublin summit in June.

After the Community decision in December to push ahead without Britain and sign the Social Charter, Ireland, Italy and Luxembourg are collaborating to produce a detailed timetable of worker protection laws up to 1991. The Irish will also launch a "special initiative" on long-term unemployment.

But Ireland is fully aware that the success of its presidency will be judged above all by its efforts to secure a clear strategy towards Eastern Europe. Beginning with a crucial meeting of EC foreign ministers in Dublin on Saturday, it will be steering the Community towards detailed economic deals with fledgling East bloc democracies. It will also open serious discussions on the EC's longer-term relations with the East.

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## WORLD ROUNDUP

# China steps up the people's workload

Peking (Reuters) — China published details yesterday of a national economic plan that diplomats said amounted to asking people to work harder for less reward. The plan, passed by the Communist Party's Central Committee last November, predicts that China will need three more years before a 16-month-old austerity programme succeeds. The New China News Agency said the strategy's main aims were to reduce inflation to less than 10 per cent a year, balance state revenue and expenditure and slowly reduce mounting internal debts.

Western diplomats said one main part of the strategy might be doomed. The plan calls for a cut in credit to the nation's industries and indicates smaller pay packets for their employees but asks for higher productivity. Since November China has shown no sign of letting up on its austerity drive. It has sunk deeper into debt as subsidies to industry have remained level but production has slumped, diplomats said.

## Thatcher for Paris

The Prime Minister will hold informal talks with President Mitterrand of France in Paris on Saturday. Downing Street announced yesterday (Nicholas Wood writes). The lunch engagement will be seen as symbolic of the improved relations between the two leaders since the Strasbourg European Council summit at which Mrs Thatcher moderated her criticism of such developments as the Social Charter and economic and monetary union. Later she was highly complimentary about the French leader's chairmanship of the summit, and ministers are hopeful that moves towards German reunification may revive the *entente cordiale* and lead the French to co-operate more closely with Britain on Community issues.

## Bank's drug scheme

New York — A Luxembourg-based bank pleaded guilty yesterday to laundering drug money in a case that could shed light on the finances of General Manuel Noriega, the former Panamanian leader (James Bone writes). The Bank of Credit and Commerce International agreed to five years' probation and forfeiture of \$14 million (£8.4 million) in assets in the first federal prosecution of a big international bank on charges of conspiring to aid drug trafficking through secret accounts. Six officers of the bank remained on trial in Tampa, Florida, accused of scheming to launder \$32 million from cocaine sales in the US. Mr Amjad Awan, aged 41, one of the defendants, claims he was once General Noriega's banker and managed a secret account for him.

## Muslims raid court

Algiers (Reuters) — Two Muslim fundamentalists and a policeman were killed in a courtroom gun battle in the Algerian town of Blida yesterday, the official news agency said. A group of six men shouting "Allah-o Akbar" (God is Great) and "We will kill you, enemies of God" burst into the courtroom and attacked three police guards with knives, an axe and a knuckleduster and seized their weapons. Two policemen escaped but the third was held hostage. Police reinforcements later stormed the building, killing two of the attackers. The survivors were arrested.

## Turkey-US talks

Ankara (Reuters) — President Ozal of Turkey left yesterday for talks in Washington with President Bush on Thursday, hoping to derail a pro-Armenian bill in Congress that could damage ties between the two Nato allies. President Ozal will also discuss Turkey's inflation-ridden economy with World Bank officials and meet Senor Javier Perez de Cuellar, UN Secretary-General, for talks on Cyprus. The Bill calls for a national day of remembrance to mark "the 75th anniversary of the Armenian genocide of 1915-23" when 1.5 million were allegedly killed — a charge Turkey denies.

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## Britain underlines its determination to carry on with Hong Kong repatriation

## Hurd shrugs off boat people protests

From Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Editor, Hong Kong

Thousands of Vietnamese boat people wearing white headbands chanted "freedom, protest, we would rather die here" yesterday as Mr Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, visited a large Hong Kong detention centre.

If Mr Hurd felt sympathy he did not show it, dismissing the demonstration as "predicted and predictable".

He again reaffirmed Britain's intention to send more boat people back to Vietnam against their will and later added: "I do not see anything that would enable us to end that policy."

Meanwhile the tenth in a series of voluntary repatriation flights left yesterday

Bangkok (AFP) — The corpses of 11 Vietnamese women were found washed up on the coast of southern Thailand after a suspected pirate attack, police said yesterday. Six of the bodies were found on Monday and the rest on Sunday. Coroners had failed to determine the cause of death. Police believe they were raped.

with 104 people on board, bringing the total number to have returned voluntarily to 1,101.

But more than 43,500 remain in Hong Kong and Mr Hurd's visit to Hei Ling Chau camp produced little evidence that the boat people are becoming more resigned to their fate. Camp officials said most of the 3,630 inmates took part in the protest.

At least half were children, many little more than toddlers wrapped up against a cold wind in Orlon clothes. A double outer fence, 18ft-high and topped with barbed wire coils, deterred escape. Anyone breaching the wire would have nowhere to go: the island is

run by Hong Kong's Correctional Services Department and is a 40-minute motorboat ride from the mainland.

The Hong Kong Government has not attempted to stifle protest, partly because it serves as a safety valve and partly to avoid giving further ammunition to human rights critics.

Carrying banners reading "If you were in our position, what would you do?" and "No go back to communism", the demonstrators kept up their chanting throughout the 30-minute visit. Mr Hurd said it was more for the benefit of television than for him.

Journalists soon discovered the limits of the freedom of expression it implied. No facilities were available for them to check allegations made by Amnesty International on Monday of serious flaws in the screening process used to determine which boat people qualify as refugees.

Only brief interviews proved possible.

The Government of Hong Kong will look carefully at the specific points in the Amnesty report. Many of them have been investigated already and found to be without foundation," Mr Hurd said.

He did not attempt to check the fairness issue himself, spending little more than a minute in a room where boat people receive an initial screening interview.

Mr Hurd passed under a banner reading "Mandatory repatriation is inhuman" without giving it a glance, and declined a request to meet the protesters, though he did accept 12 letters.

He was shown two dormitories where three-tiered metal warehouse shelving covered in hardboard was being used as double bunks, heretofore



Caged anger: Mr Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, passing a repatriation protest by fenced-in boat people yesterday.

privacy for couples apart from flimsy screens made from clothing. The unheated, ill-smelling rooms were lined with washing and incongruous Christmas decorations.

Mr Hurd said the camp and the screening facility were "well run by the authorities within the possibilities". He

acknowledged a lack of space, but showed no other sign of being troubled.

He said the compulsory repatriation policy was "not an agreeable business", but added: "It is better and more humane in my view than keeping people here indefinitely." Later at a press

conference he said: "I don't think many countries have denounced it as cruel. I think there is a greater understanding of what Hong Kong has accepted and endured."

Mr Tran Duc Toan, from Hanoi, was asked what the boat people would do when guards came to take them to

aircraft which are bound for Vietnam.

"We will express our feelings, but we do not want to do this by fighting," he said.

Their good behaviour will not help them evade repatriation. Hanoi has made it clear it will take back only those who do not put up a fight.

## Visit clears way for democracy deal with China

From Andrew McEwen, Hong Kong

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, flew back to London last night after a visit to Hong Kong which appeared to ease tensions between the colony and Britain and create a better atmosphere for a deal with China on democracy.

After encountering milder protests over British policies and more understanding than predicted, Mr Hurd left more confident than when he arrived on Saturday.

While protest organizers attributed this to scepticism among the Hong Kong Chinese, who felt that Britain's influence with Peking was so low as to make demonstrations pointless, others believed the Foreign Secretary had shown skill and tact.

He appeared to have won the acquiescence, or at least the temporary silence, of most legislators on the most important issue: his policy of reaching an understanding with Peking on democracy rather than making a unilateral policy which China might revoke in 1997.

Mr Hurd almost met less criticism than expected over the size of the Government's nationality proposals, under which 50,000 Hong Kong Chinese heads of household will be given full British passports.

A Conservative backbench revolt led by Mr Norman Tebbit helped Mr Hurd's position in Hong Kong by lending credibility to his argument that it was the best package Parliament was likely to accept. His continued toughness over the Vietnamese boat people issue proved as popular as expected.

On democracy, the Office of the Members of the Legislative and Executive Council (Omelco) had wanted him to set a policy, based on his own proposals for steady steps towards direct elections, without reference to Peking.

Mr Hurd supported this proposal but resisted a unilateral move, arguing that the top priority was to ensure continuity between British and Chinese rule.

He received unexpected help from Peking on Monday when a senior official made remarks which implied that a deal was still possible. Mr Li Hou, deputy director of the

Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Office of China's State Council, said Peking had made "some concessions" in talks with Sir David Wilson, Governor of Hong Kong, last week. He said Britain had asked for more than Peking was offering and the two sides needed to "get closer".

Mr Hurd said yesterday that it was too early to speak of optimism, but another British source said there was at least "some optimism" and confirmed that the Chinese position had shifted.

At first sight, the two sides appear to be within reach of agreement, with similar proposals on the number of seats in the Legislative Council to be directly elected. Closer inspection shows the real position to be more complicated.

China's initial proposal last year was that the Legislative Council, which it will take over in 1997, should include 15 directly elected members out of 55. The proportion would increase to 50 per cent of a larger council by 2003, and in 2011 there would be a referendum to approve all seats being directly elected.

In December, the political sub-group of Peking's Basic Law Drafting Committee, altered the proposal in a way which British officials saw as one step forward and another backward. It proposed that, at the time China takes over, the council should have 60 members of which 18 would be directly elected, but also called for a 10-year period without change after the transition, and dropped the idea of a referendum.

Omelco's proposal is that, in the 1991 election, 20 seats should be directly elected out of a council of 60. In 1995, this would rise to 30, and seats reserved for government officials would be abolished.

Some in Hong Kong have argued that the gap is only two seats by simplifying Omelco's demand to 20 and China's offer to 18, but it is in fact much wider.

Mr Hurd reaffirmed yesterday that whatever he proposes will be an improvement on the 1988 White Paper, which called for 10 seats to be directly elected out of a council of 56 members. At present none is directly elected.

## Vietnamese find that returning home is no easy option

From Dan Biers

Giang Dan Village, Vietnam

Mr Dinh Hong Qui, aged 28, is finding it no easy task to begin a new life in impoverished northern Vietnam after voluntarily returning home from the squalid camps of Hong Kong.

"At present I am doing nothing. I have no job and I have to rely on my parents," he said. "For the time being it is very difficult."

Mr Charles-Henry Bazoché, head of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees mission in Hanoi, acknowledged the economic difficulties faced by the

returnees — nearly 1,000 so far — but believes that market-oriented economic reforms under way in Communist Vietnam will lead to rapid improvement.

Mr Bazoché said: "They know that Hong Kong is a dead end. The situation in Vietnam is evolving very fast. I do believe the next four years will see many more changes." He added: "I am deeply convinced that life in Vietnam is better than in a camp anywhere."

Mr Bazoché noted that the number of boat people seeking voluntary

repatriation from Hong Kong has been increasing, with about 2,000 applications pending. More than 230 of the boat people who have voluntarily returned are from Quang Ninh, a northern province.

Mr Qui and his wife left behind jobs last spring as a factory welder and tourist official, with a total monthly salary of about \$9 and sold their house to help pay for seats on a boat to Hong Kong, which cost \$300 in gold.

Soon after they arrived in the British colony, however, they became fed up with the strange food

and cramped conditions in the detention centres and decided to apply for repatriation.

The couple boarded a chartered flight to Vietnam on November 30 and have been living at the austere brick home of Mr Qui's parents.

Mr Qui, whose wife is six months pregnant, hopes he can borrow money from friends to start his own mechanical repair business.

The UN agency provides the equivalent of \$50 in cash to each returning adult to help with initial resettlement, but often the money is squandered. Mr Lam, for example,

said that he spent his money on cigarettes.

The UN also provides voluntary returnees with a monthly allowance of \$30 for one year, but Mr Bazoché said what is really needed are development programmes in the northern provinces, from which most of the boat people set sail.

Officials in Quang Ninh and the nearby port city of Haiphong say they have launched a media campaign to dissuade Vietnamese from sailing to Hong Kong, about 500 miles to the north-east. (Associated Press)

## Cambodia peace talks

## Khmer Rouge still damps UN hopes

From Philip Jacobson, Paris

With the Khmer Rouge intent on shooting their way back into power in Cambodia, the emergency talks among the five members of the United Nations Security Council ended here yesterday with no apparent solution emerging on how to deal with the threat posed by the guerrilla army.

While sources close to the talks indicated that there were signs of a growing consensus on providing a central role for the UN in peace-keeping efforts, it was acknowledged that the Khmer Rouge forces may prove to be beyond the influence even of their Chinese patrons.

Although participants at the two-day gathering in Paris report that their talks have been "very frank" and "constructive", it seems clear that China is not yet willing to consider cutting its substantial military aid to the Khmer Rouge as the guerrillas' offensive gathers momentum. The nearest Peking has come to compromise, say the sources, is by accepting the principle that outside aid to all the warring factions must end immediately if and when a UN-sponsored ceasefire comes into effect.

At the same time, Western diplomats here are emphasizing the formidable task that would confront any UN peace

package which might be accepted. Initial estimates of the cost of providing both peace-keeping forces and an interim civilian administration to run the country pending new elections are high.

While Security Council members agree on the need for the proposed interim body to wield full executive authority during the build-up to elections, the ability of Khmer Rouge forces to wreck any diplomatic solution on the battlefield is acknowledged. With Mr Hun Sen, the Cambodian Prime Minister, admitting that his front-line units require bolstering, the military initiative remains with the main guerrilla force.

In an attempt to soften Chinese hostility to the Vietnamese-backed Hun Sen Government, assurances have reportedly been given to Peking that a UN mission could be dispatched to verify that all Hanoi's troops have been withdrawn from Cambodia before any peace plan came into effect.

Some diplomats involved in yesterday's talks claim to perceive a subtle shift of Peking's position regarding the Khmer Rouge: optimists believe that the Chinese may even consider "downgrading" their previous solid support.

## Computer failure blocks US telephones

From Susan Elliott

Washington

A continent's telephones seized up this week because of a computer problem.

Much vaunted as the world's most sophisticated telephone system, American Telephone and Telegraph Co (AT&T), the nation's biggest long-distance carrier, broke down on Monday for nine hours and tens of millions of customers across the United States found they were unable to dial beyond their local areas.

The firm said a failure in the software system was probably to blame, but did not rule out the possibility of sabotage, along the lines of a computer virus or worm. Communica-

tions experts said the failure had the most serious impact since the beginning of the computer era.

The breakdown is certain to prompt government offices and businesses to assess how they would cope with the failure of their computers, whether accidental or deliberate.

The New York Stock Exchange, for example, was unaffected, since its trading system is designed to jump to an alternative long-distance carrier in the event of interruption to the AT&T services.

AT&T said the failure was unprecedented in terms of length and cause. Regional failures of long-distance ser-

vices are rare and generally caused by damage to installations by bad weather or accidents, such as the earthquake which shook San Francisco last October, or the severance of fibre optic cables by builders.

The company, which ruled out a severed cable as the cause, said a faulty signal node told switches it was unable to receive calls. The electronic message transmitted had a domino effect on other switches.

The firm's elaborate software programme, recently installed and heralded as the world's most sophisticated, uses the switches to find the most efficient route for a long-distance call on the country's

coast-to-coast network. Instead of receiving a connection after the usual ring-song recording, "Thank you for calling AT&T", callers heard an engaged tone or a message informing them that all circuits were busy for domestic long-distance and overseas calls.

On an average business day, the network handles up to 100 million calls. By early afternoon as many as half the long-distance calls dialled in almost every big city were blocked.

One television network had trouble reporting the story for its evening news bulletin because it was unable to reach its reporters around the country. Eventually, the station

had to switch to one of AT&T's rivals to get through. Some customers complained that the firm, which has energetically tried to promote its service in the fiercely competitive long-distance US telephone industry, refused to tell subscribers that they could gain access to its rivals with a special code.

The disruption was softened by the closure of some offices for a government holiday in honour of Martin Luther King Jr, the civil rights leader.

Businesses, including hotels, car hire firms and airlines, which rely on their toll-free numbers for reservations, complained that reservations suffered. Only businesses with private lines were unaffected.

## Kashmir in fear as fundamentalists tighten grip

From Christopher Thomas

Srinagar, Kashmir

The freezing, rain-soaked streets of Srinagar told their own story yesterday of what is happening to the Kashmir Valley.

Nearly every woman was shrouded in a burqa. Video shops sold only Pakistani films. Shopkeepers hurriedly erected new Urdu-script signs above their stores. Cinemas, condemned as decadent, were shuttered. Barkeepers, branded as un-Islamic, served tea instead.

These are the signs of a new kind of Kashmir — one that is in the unfamiliar grip of

Islamic fundamentalism, imposed ruthlessly by extremist organizations that now virtually control day-to-day life in the valley.

The immensely popular cause of Kashmiri nationalism has become inextricably linked with religious fanaticism, a development fanatically designed to emphasize the cultural alienation of India's only Muslim majority state.

By January 30, every woman and girl over the age of 10 will have to be veiled. Any who fail to heed the warning are liable to have ink thrown in their faces. Hindus will be compelled to wear the tika

mark on their forehead to distinguish them.

In the muddy, traffic-choked alleyways, shopkeepers were busy yesterday painting their signs green — the colour of prosperity — under orders from a particularly hardline fundamentalist group called Allah's Tigers.

A torrent of instructions pours forth endlessly from extremist organizations. Newsreaders on local broadcasts of Indian state-run radio and television have been told to stop mixing Hindi words with the Urdu language — an instruction headed immediately. Camera shops have been

told not to display photographs of scantily clad people. Hindi and English-language films have been banned because they represent "cultural domination". Coffee shops have been ordered not to sell tickets for lotteries, which are "un-Islamic".

Everybody seems to be afraid. Politicians from the National Conference, the longest-established political party in Kashmir, have virtually been driven underground. Every day, dozens of people place advertisements in Urdu-language newspapers declaring that they bear no allegiance to the party. Any

link can be tantamount to a death sentence.

Journalists, too, are scared. Extremists tend to bomb the offices of newspapers that upset them. They have also let it be known that they want to be called "rebels" or "insurgents" but not "militants".

In the past week, government security forces looking for "subversive material" have raided an Urdu-language weekly magazine, *Chaitan*, and English-language weekly, *Greater Kashmir*. But a plan to impose draconian censorship has been abandoned after fierce protests from within India and internationally.

## Oil spill threatens wildlife

Lisbon — An oil spill 12 miles long and one mile wide has covered the beaches of Porto Santo Island in Madeira, causing an ecological disaster, (Martha de la Cal writes). Large numbers of turtles and seagulls are dying.

The origin of the crude oil is not known. No spill had been reported since an accident involving the Spanish supertanker Aragon on January 2 near Porto Santo.

## Bodies found

San José — Costa Rican rescue workers began trying to remove bodies from a passenger plane which crashed into a mountainside south of the capital, killing all 22 on board.

## Stay granted

Johannesburg (Reuters) — South Africa has allowed M. Bob Denard, the French mercenary leader, to remain for two more weeks while he sorts out his future after being forced to leave the Comoros.

## Killer caught

Moscow (Reuters) — A man apparently envious of a colleague killed him with an iron bar, raped his wife, murdered her and her children and was then caught after returning to rob their home, Tass reported.

## Mayor ousted

Mogadishu (Reuters) — President Siad Barre, who sacked his Cabinet a week ago, has dismissed the Mayor of Mogadishu and the heads of Somalia's two main banks.

## Five charged

Kampala (Reuters) — Five Ugandans detained for more than a year have appeared in court charged with plotting to overthrow President Museveni.

## Crew missing

Bahrain (Reuters) — A burning oil and chemical tanker sank in the Red Sea with three crew missing after rescue ships saved 31 crewmen, a shipping source in Jeddah said.

## Ivory ban

Singapore (Reuters) — Singapore will ban the import and export of ivory in line with international restrictions on ivory trade, a government statement said.

## Crucial legal match tests embattled Borg in Swedish courts

From Christopher Mosley

Stockholm



Borg: Judicial bid to save both his reputation and remaining fortune.

Bjorn Borg, former tennis champion and slightly tarnished national icon, has begun what promises to be a mammoth judicial battle to recover his reputation in his homeland, save what is left of his fortune and straighten out the aftermath of a tangled love life.

He has hired Sweden's top lawyer, Mr Henning Sjöström, a highly colourful personality who claims to be a practising Buddhist.

Mr Sjöström will fight several different court cases on behalf of Borg and his new wife, Italian pop star Loredana Berté.

In the first of these, which opened in Nacka district court, on Stockholm's South Island yesterday, Borg is being sued for \$51 million for breach of contract by

his former personal business adviser, Mr Lars Skarke.

It was Mr Skarke who last year was involved in the collapse of the Bjorn Borg Design Group, the Swedish end of a business in which the former champion lent his name to a wide range of men's fashion products.

Mr Skarke, managing director and minority shareholder in the Design Group, tried to keep the company going before it was declared bankrupt by Borg. He claims he is unemployed and that his prospects have been irretrievably damaged by Borg.

He and Borg, once firm friends, glared angrily at one another across the courtroom yesterday. Mr Sjöström said Borg denied any breach of contract and did not intend to pay anything to Mr

Skarke. He also denounced as "pure nonsense" allegations made by Mr Skarke in court that Borg once employed an American company to help him avoid paying taxes.

Accusing someone of tax avoidance is particularly damaging in Sweden, whose highly developed welfare state is propped up by personal taxation that can reach 75 per cent of upper incomes.

While reforms are promised, most of the country's other tennis stars and many of its principal businessmen are in exile in Monte Carlo, London, Brussels and other foreign tax "havens" as a result.

Borg himself only returned to Sweden recently from Monaco, taking advantage of the country's elaborate tax concessions in the corporate sector to set up his

business empire. Despite the collapse of the Design Group, he still has many other interests, including a sporting club and a portfolio of property shares worth millions of krona. He also has business interests in America and the Far East.

The charges of tax avoidance, while they will not help Borg's hard-hit reputation, fade into insignificance compared with those levelled by his former girlfriend, Miss Janneke Björling.

She has made damaging claims about Borg and drugs, which has provoked the tennis star into bringing a libel action against the magazine which carried them.

The Swedes have a particular dislike of the use of drugs, and even alcohol is often lumped together with drugs as a social evil.

Borg's libel case against "Z", the magazine that published Miss Björling's allegations, starts next week.

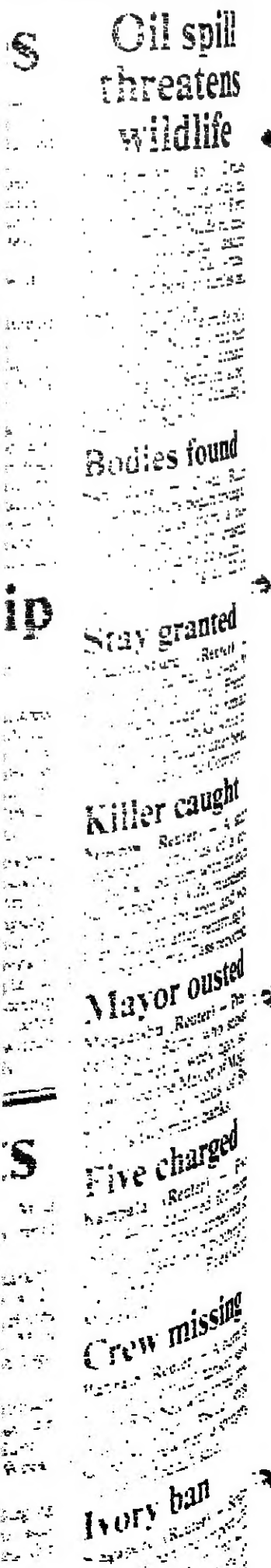
He is also suing "Z" for marketing without his permission a T-shirt emblazoned with the pictures of his first wife, Mariana, Miss Björling and Berté under the logo "Bjorn Borg Collection".

The Borg judicial saga continues next month when he will sue the weekly gossip magazine *Hant i veckan* (It Happened This Week) for \$25,000 damages.

This involves an article alleging that his romance with Berté was breaking up. It was published the week the couple wed.

Finally, to round it all off, Borg and Miss Björling will clash in court next summer on the question of custody of their four-year-old son, Robin.



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## Thatcher dismisses 'pay policy' gibe by Kinnock

The Prime Minister was dismissive at question time of Mr Neil Kinnock's attempts to suggest that the Government had developed a pay policy.

Asserting that no such policy existed, she cast doubts on Mr Kinnock's understanding of what a pay policy was.

There were cheers for Mr Kinnock from his supporters when he said that the Government had two public-sector pay policies, one allowing increases above inflation for top people and the other, for the rest, below the rate of inflation.

Mr Kinnock opened the exchange by asking Mrs Thatcher to recall telling the Commons last year that under this Government there was no incomes policy.

"Why did she change her mind?"

Mrs Thatcher: He is not correct. It is for the private sector under this Government to determine its own pay levels, and for the Government, as an

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employer, to determine its pay levels.

Mr Kinnock said that in order to jog the Prime Minister's memory, he would read the quotation: "Under this Government there is no incomes policy" (Conservative shouts of "That's what she said").

"That was what she had said, so perhaps she could explain why she has two incomes policies in the public sector: one for top people, above inflation rate, and one for the rest, below the rate of inflation (Labour cheers)."

"Why does she not come clean and admit it, even though it would mean swallowing her own words?"

Mrs Thatcher: I do not think she understands what an incomes policy is. There is not one under this Government. It is for the private sector to determine its own pay arrangements in relation to productivity and to keep its prices competitive, and

for the Government, in the public sector, to determine the rate of pay for people directly in its employment.

She said that to do that, the Government observed pay review bodies for people who did not go on strike and the many negotiating arrangements.

"The situation is much more complex than he understands."

Sir Fergus Montgomery (Aldershot, C) asked what message would be sent, if the Government's industrial action were successful, to the 14 per cent of National Health Service workers who had settled their pay claim last year through the normal machinery.

Mrs Thatcher replied that the pay claim being resolved now was the one that should have been settled last spring and early summer of 1989.

For 84 per cent of those working in the health service—including the nurses, administrative and clerical grades, senior managers, ancillary staff, building trade operatives and medical laboratory scientific officers—it had been settled at

between 6.5 per cent and 6.8 per cent. It would be totally unfair to them if the ambulance workers, who had gone on strike and disrupted the service, were to get more.

Mr William Michie (Sheffield, Heeley, Lab) asked her to admit that her Government had "shabby policies". Ambulance crews were restricted from having a living wage while her highly paid friends around the House made more from moonlighting than in their jobs as MPs. "Is it not time she cleared up this sleaze Parliament?"

Mrs Thatcher did not agree. The ambulance men had had a revised offer, costing another £6 million, which was between 9 per cent and 16.3 per cent according to where they worked and their qualifications, over a period of 18 months.

That was a reasonable and good offer. It was 16.3 per cent for those with more qualifications. "We want more ambulance men with more qualifications," she hoped that they would return to the Whitley Council and settle.



Scientists dressed as a butcher, a doctor and a farmer in Downing Street yesterday to present a petition with 40,000 signatures protesting against the Government's decision to close the Institute of Food Research in Bristol.

## MPs see problems in EC integration

The increasing problems facing the British Parliament as a result of closer integration in Europe were aired during questions to the Prime Minister. One Conservative MP complained that the volume of documents emanating from Brussels placed an impossible burden on MPs.

Mr Hugh Dykes (Harrow East, C), who opened questions on the European Community, said that the best way to maximize the advantage and opportunities for Britain in developing the EC, was for MPs and MEPs to work much more closely together.

Mrs Thatcher said that the Commons Procedure Committee had some proposals to make. The most important thing was to sort together in such a way that Europe was open for trade and was not protectionist, and to co-operate in such a way that the rights of the House were respected.

Mr John Greenway (Ryedale, C) said that the European Commission wanted greater progress towards monetary union, but was nevertheless prepared to reduce the gap between the real value and the notional value of the green

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pound by only a third. How could there be a single market when this was so highly dismissed by Brussels?

Mrs Thatcher said that it had been agreed to phase out the green pound by the end of 1992, which would be of great benefit to British farmers, and the United Kingdom must hold its partners to that agreement.

Mr James Aiken (Thames South, C) asked her, in speaking of the rights of this Parliament, whether she was fully aware of the degree of disadvantage under which MPs worked as regards the flow of documents from Europe. In the past 12 months, the European Commission had sent the House 765 legislative documents consisting of 10,000 pages.

"Is that not an impossible total for this House to carry, over and above its existing domestic legislation?"

Mrs Thatcher agreed that there was an enormous amount of extra work in properly scrutinizing the many documents coming before them.

## Compensation for subsidence demanded

A move to ensure that the coal industry pays proper compensation for damage caused by subsidence was made by the Opposition during the report stage of the Coal Industry Bill.

A number of Conservative MPs from mining areas demanded urgent action on compensation.

The Bill reorganizes the finances of the industry and Mr Frank Dobson, Opposition spokesman on energy, said that the future privatization of the industry might be the reason that the Government had not included in the Bill any provisions to improve compensation arrangements for damage caused by subsidence.

He moved a new clause to ensure that the Government is to finance should include sums to cover all outstanding claims on the British Coal Corporation for compensation for subsidence damage.

He said that many people felt that subsidence provisions would be put back over and over and that then the Government would say that it was "rather not interfere to impose these awful burdens on a private coal industry".

Damage had been caused to homes, schools and public buildings. Sewage pipes were broken and farmland was damaged.

Another explanation for the Government's reluctance to make provisions for subsidence damage could be that those in favour of bigger open-cast mines and of increasing the number of miners going

down dangerous private pits had been able to make private representations to the Government.

The Government should introduce a proper statutory compensation scheme. Successive ministers had said that a Bill to change the law would be introduced as soon as possible, but there had not been one.

The lowest estimate of the number of victims of British Coal was 25,000, provided by British Coal itself, but there were many higher estimates, particularly in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire.

Great personal stress was caused by subsidence. This was very painful for those concerned and must be removed—particularly the grinding problem of having to have a "journey" with British Coal in order to get things put right.

Mr James Lester (Brentford, C) said that he would associate himself with what Mr Dobson had said on subsidence and would not be removed—particularly the grinding problem of having to have a "journey" with British Coal in order to get things put right.

Mr Geoffrey Lophouse (Pontefract and Castleford, Lab) said that people needed independent professional advice before they could be happy with the present position. The onus should be on the coal board to prove that damage had not been caused by subsidence rather than on the individual to show that it had.

Mr Michael Woodcock (Ellesmere

Port and Neston, C) expressed disappointment that the Bill did nothing for the victims of mining subsidence. The Government could not continue to deny liability for damage it knew it had caused by relying on the statute of limitations.

"Why is British Coal allowed to act as an insurer, judge and jury? It is because the Government... continues to allow it to do just that."

The Government had had six years to act and yet was still saying that the time was not right. "I cannot accept that, while the Government can find time and money to deal with the restructuring of British Coal, they cannot find the much smaller sums of money needed to deal with this problem."

Mr Joe Ashton (Barnesley, Lab) said that this problem had been swept under the carpet.

Some homes were dangerous and many people sat staring at walls wondering if they would fall down on top of them. Councils could not condemn the properties because most of their houses had been sold. If they rehoused one family, they would have applications from 500 more. They were in a classic dilemma.

This was a problem of severe proportions—30,000 houses within a 16-to-18 mile radius in my constituency.

"We do not intend to let it go away. We are going to keep on raising this on every opportunity we can until we do get some action."

Mr Alan Meale (Mansfield, Lab) said

that coalfield subsidence was a national scandal. In his constituency, schools, a hospital and many other public buildings had had to be closed. There were 33,000 damaged houses, and damaged roads and services. Havoc had been caused.

Yet British Coal had been allowed to be judge, jury and offender and to "get away with this murder", openly blackmailing people who could not afford to go to court.

People had been told: "Unless you accept this small, minimal sum, we will put your case to the bottom of the pile and take it through the legal processes so that it takes years and years and years. If you risk going to the Lands Tribunal, you risk losing everything, all your savings and the rest."

He said that if any attempt were made to privatize the industry without sorting out this problem, he would take part in a process of handing claims justice. He was sure of a ruling in favour of those who had suffered.

Mr Joan Walley (Stoke-on-Trent North, Lab) said that British Coal had done everything possible to prevent people making claims for subsidence. Those who did not know their legal rights did not find it easy to take on British Coal.

Mr Gerald Howarth (Cannock and Burnwood, C) criticized British Coal's insensitivity. If the industry were in the private sector, it could not afford to ride roughshod over the feelings of people in whose areas it operated.

## Dumping law 'being obeyed'

Britain had complied with the law and its requirements over the dumping of waste in the North Sea, the Prime Minister said at questions.

Mr John Batten (Leeds West, Lab) had asked her why the Government continued to allow dumping of toxic waste in the face of comments last night on the "green" Bill and of protests in the rest of Europe.

Mrs Thatcher said that she had looked to see precisely what the law was.

The law and the agreement was that the United Kingdom had agreed to phase out dumping by the end of last year, except only where there was no practical available land-based disposal (Labour laughter)—that required a great deal of planning permission and investment. Then they had to show to the satisfaction of the Oslo Commission that the dumping of the waste at sea would not cause harm. That had been done.

## Hint of help on new roads

The Prime Minister hinted at question time that there could be found in the next session of Parliament for legislation increasing compensation to people forced to move because of new roads and rail lines.

Mr James Arbuthnot (Wansford and Woodford, C) suggested that if people were compensated more effectively for delays in the building of badly needed roads and railways could be cut and in the long term a great deal of money saved.

Mrs Thatcher said that the Secretary of State for the Environment (Mr Christopher Patten) was considering whether more compensation needed to be given. "But that would mean legislation in a new Bill. There would perhaps be time, if he came to that conclusion, in the next session."

## Poverty Bill introduced

Mr Jeremy Corbyn (Islington North, Lab) was given leave under the 10-minute rule procedure to bring in the Elimination of Poverty in Retirement Bill.

He said that it would require local authorities and health authorities to monitor the condition of their retired population, would eliminate standing charges on gas, electricity and water and exempt pensioners from licence charges and telephone rental.

## 'Good record' on Scotland

The Prime Minister defended the Government's record in Scotland after being taunted with news of an opinion poll that put Conservative strength down to 16 per cent. She said that the Conservative expenditure per head in Scotland was 23 per cent above the UK average.

## Two reports

Because an amendment to the private Bromley London Borough Council (Crystal Palace) Bill was omitted last month and the Bill passed report stage without it, the measure will have to come up for report a second time. A motion was objected to in the Commons and deferred.

## Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Trade and Industry. Debate on parliamentary pensions. Private Bills: Pensions (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, remaining stages.

Lords (2.30): Debates on reunification of Germany and on tax relief on contributions to private health insurance.

## Questions: Employment

## Labour amazes new minister

Any fall in unemployment was from the peak created by the present Government, Mr Robert Crysar (Bradford South, Lab) said during questions to the new Secretary of State for Employment, Mr Michael Howard.

When would it fall to the 1979 level?

Mr Howard, replying to his first questions as Secretary of State, said that he never ceased to be amazed at Labour devotion to jobs in loss-making firms which had offered no security to the workers or to the firms themselves.

Mr Crysar asked whether there was any connection between the £20 billion balance of trade deficit—and another record—and two million jobs lost in manufacturing since 1979.

Mr Howard said that the 2,750,000 jobs created under this Government were in firms that made profits and offered secure long-term jobs.

Earlier, he had said that between January and September last year, the latest comparable date, the rate of unemployment had fallen more quickly in the United Kingdom than in any other large industrialized country.

Mr Harry Greenway (Ealing North, C) said that that was a

matter for congratulation of the Government. The Delors social charter would not have improved employment in Britain.

Even in Ealing, where the Labour council had doubled the industrial rate and was thoroughly anti-business, the number of jobs had improved as a result of Government policies.

Mr Howard said that Mr Greenway was right about the social charter.

The improvement in the employment position was not limited to Ealing. He hoped that Mr Tony Blair, the Labour spokesman, would welcome the 50 per cent fall in unemployment in the past three years in his constituency of Sedgfield.

Further questions included the following:

● The Health and Safety Executive now has more than 100 inspectors engaged in work on building sites. Mr Howard said: "That was better than its objective of having 100 people regularly engaged on the inspection of building activities by 1990, he said."

Mr Marjorie Mowlem (Redditch, Lab) questioned whether 100 inspectors were enough in view of the increase in fatal accidents in the past eight years.

Mr Howard said that there



Mr Howard: Unemployment rate falling quickly

had been a sharp decrease in the number of fatal accidents in building work. In the 10 years to March 1988, there had been 1,195 deaths, whereas in the previous 10 years there had been 1,968.

Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Walton, Lab) said that there had been six deaths on the British side of the Channel tunnel.

Mr Howard said that there

works but only one in France. Special attention should be paid to the health and safety of these workers. Would there be an increase in health and safety staff on the British side?

Mr Howard said that this was an important point which required attention.

The Government would try to ensure that it maintained its excellent record of encouraging and helping disabled people into jobs.

Mrs Joan Roddick (Leisham, Deptford, Lab) said that the Government should learn from other countries such as West Germany where the quota system of disabled people at work was rigorously enforced.

Mr Howard said that there were differences between the British and German approach; comparisons were misleading.

Mr Andrew Rowe (Mid Kent, C) said that employers, particularly those in areas of full employment, should be made aware of the high record of job loyalty disabled people brought to their employment. They were a great asset to business.

Mr Howard said that disabled people had much to offer and it was important that employers should have full regard to their potential.

## Peers object to 'Henry VIII clauses' in courts measure

There was severe criticism from peers of provisions in the Courts and Legal Services Bill giving powers to the Executive over the transfer of cases from the High Court to county courts rather than laying down those powers in statute.

Some spoke of the "Henry VIII clauses" giving ministers absolute rights or powers to amend primary legislation by statutory instrument.

Lord Rippon of Hexham (C), speaking during the first day of the committee stage, said that the Bill should provide that the powers relating to the jurisdiction of the supreme and county courts to the Executive if it passed the Bill unamended.

He moved an amendment to delete a clause allowing the Lord Chancellor to amend or repeal any provision made by, or under, any enactment relating to the jurisdiction, practice or procedure of the supreme or county court as was considered necessary or expedient, in deciding the allocation of business between the high and county courts.

He said that the clause was one of the worst examples of the growing use of Henry VIII clauses, a term "reflecting the absolutism for which that monarch was notorious".

The excuse was the need for

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flexibility, that the Bill should provide the framework and that officials should provide the detail. There was something in the saying "the devil is in the detail".

"What the Government is saying is, because it does not know what or how it is going to proceed, it cannot say what it proposes to do, or how it proposes to implement its policies, so therefore it must have blanket powers."

Lord Simon of Glaisdale (Ind) said that it was extraordinary that the Lord Chancellor, who ought to be the guardian of constitutional proprieties, should have put forward this abrogation of power to the Executive. The provision should be excised immediately.

Lord Rawlinson of Ewell (C) opposed the notion that a lord chancellor could sweep aside centuries of precedent and the powers of the judiciary.

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The amendment was rejected by 141 votes to 83 votes—Government majority, 58.

## minor matters, over the wishes of Parliament.

Lord Mackay of Clashfern, Lord Chancellor, said that there had been a misunderstanding about the issue. The clause was governed by the words "in consequence of any provision made by the Order".

It was wrong to suggest that the Order could be made under the clause being debated. An Order could only be made under the clause relating to the allocation and transfer of business and would follow consultation with senior members of the judiciary.

It would then be subject to the affirmative resolution procedure. The purpose of the clause was to give clarity to the statute book and had nothing to do with Henry VIII clauses.

"What we have here is a section which gives a lord chancellor power to increase the jurisdiction of the High Court and to increase the jurisdiction of the county court and then to make allocations of proceedings between these two courts. It is necessary to make sure that the county courts are able properly to cope with the work sent down to them." The principle, he added, "seems to me to make absolute sense".

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## Tories are 'confused on policy'

A "complete contradiction" in government policy was attacked by Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolton, Lab) during discussion late on Monday of the Environmental Protection Bill.

He said that the Government "made noises" about protecting the Green Belt in the South, but MPs wanted the Green Belt in the North protected too.

They would be debating the next day the report stage and third reading of the Coal Industry Bill, which Mr Christopher Patten, Secretary of State for the Environment, supported.

It allowed an increased in tonnage at open-cast mines from 25,000 to 250,000 tonnes. "Large areas will suffer depopulation for very many years."

Mr Frank Hayman (Lichfield, Lab) complained that the Open Cast Executive planned to transfer toxic waste to a "beautiful little village" to which he had just moved in preparation for retirement.

"The Secretary of State says he is worried about pollution. We have got pollution in my constituency and I want him to come up there and deal with it."

The MPs were speaking during discussion of the environment Bill's money resolution which was passed without a division.

## Bill 'with a lick of green paint'

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The following report of later speeches in the second reading debate in the Commons on the Environmental Protection Bill appeared in later editions yesterday.

Mr Bryan Gould, for the Opposition, moving an amendment declining to give the Bill a second reading, said that there was much to be welcomed in the Bill, although overall it was disappointing.

The Opposition's amendment was rejected by 282 votes to 202—Government majority, 80 and the Bill read a second time.

Mr Gould said that the Bill was "little more than a rag-bag of measures drawn from disparate sources, many of them dusted down and brought to life again simply in order to be cobbled together to give the impression, with a lick of green paint, of action and cohesion."

It was replete with powers for the Secretary of State with little indication of how they were to be exercised or assurance that they would be used.

The independent pollution control inspectorate was welcomed, but even that was vitiated by the Government's failure to attempt to prevent pollution, merely regulations to deal with it once it had occurred.

The Secretary of State was cast in the role of going along with the shovel after the Lord Mayor's show.

Some forms of pollution simply could not be tolerated whoever paid for them. How much was to be tolerated on the grounds that to prevent it would be excessively expensive?

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The comments on freedom of information had been welcome until the weasel words "subject to the exception of commercial confidentiality". That exception was so wide as to render nugatory all the fine words which the Government had tried to bind the House.

The chief flaw was the proposal to break up the Nature Conservancy Council. The Government was throwing away 40 years of experience and scientific endeavour. It threatened the destruction of an important science base and would deny the Government essential advice.

Whatever the public position of the council, he was convinced that it remained implacably opposed to its own dissolution. Labour would support a substantial element of devolution to Scotland and Wales, but why was it necessary to destroy the council in order to do that?

"We do not give up hope on this Bill. That is why we are not flustered by it. We are opposing it with a reasoned argument which sets out the basis of our disquiet, our concerns and our disappointment."

Sir Hugh Rossi (Hornsey and

Wood Green, C), chairman of the Environment Select Committee, said that he was a little disappointed in the Bill, but it contained some useful measures which it would be irresponsible to reject.

Mr Malcolm Bruce, Liberal Democrat spokesman on the environment and natural resources, supported the Bill. It could have been more radical.

He welcomed the proposals for Scottish and Welsh nature conservancy councils and found it extraordinary that Labour opposed them. It was patronizing to suggest that conservation would not be used properly in Scotland and Wales if the were broken up.

Sir Charles Morrison (Devizes, C) said that the NCC was not working as well as it should. The Government was right to propose an alternative.

Mr Gordon Oakes (Haltwhistle, Lab) said that there should be a dog registration scheme to deal with dog pollution. Warning notices were no use to prevent dogs fouling. Dogs running loose were not a problem.

Mr Andrew Bennett (Denton and Reddish, Lab) said that he was disappointed about the proposals to reorganize the Countryside Commission and the NCC, and that the Government had not included a provision for access to the countryside.

Mr Robert Jones (West Hartfordshire, C) said that he

had been opposed to the reorganization of the NCC, but he was happy with the arrangement in the Bill.

Mr Calum Macdonald (Western Isles, Lab) said that he believed in a decentralized, federal structure for the NCC, but no one had been consulted or involved before the Government had come up with the proposal.

The Government's moves had been at odds with its declarations. It had aroused a spectacular degree of opposition, suspicion and confusion.

Mr David Evans (Welwyn Hatfield, C) said that central London was a disgrace. Its streets were paved, not with gold, but with last night's pizzas.

Mr Simon Barnes (Chesham, C) said that proceeds of fines for litter offences should go to local authorities to encourage them rigorously to enforce their powers as well as helping towards their litter costs.

Mr Hugo Sumners (Walthamstow, C) said that the Bill should have contained references to dog mess and pigeon droppings, which were unsightly and an increasing health hazard.

Mrs Teresa Gorman (Billerica, C) expressed concern at the number of new regulatory bodies proposed for industry. Mr [Christopher] Patten (Secretary of State for the Environment) should take a good look at how private industry could be helped to self-regulate.

## Funding for more training councils

Another seven Training and Enterprise Councils had been awarded development funding today, bringing the total number of TECs to 51, nine months after the initiative was announced, Mr Michael Howard, Secretary of State for Employment, told the Commons.

Mr Jean Wyn Jones (Ynys Môn, Pl C) said that there was concern in rural areas that members of the TECs might lack the breadth of experience necessary to make them a success. Few of these initiatives would have had direct experience in in-house training.

In these areas it was necessary to give funding to these bodies that brought together industrialists, careers teachers, colleges, universities and training agencies to identify potential skill shortages.

Mr Howard said that all these organizations had a part to play in the TEC initiative. One great advantage of that initiative was that it could "draw on local circumstances" and adjust programmes to take account of local needs.

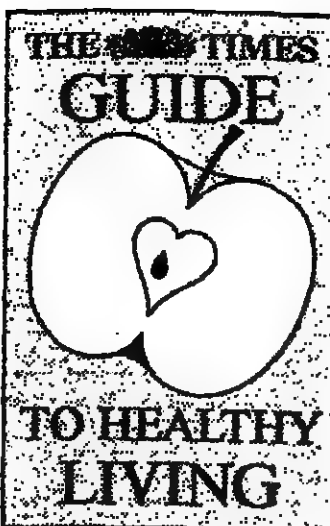
He said later that he expected the whole TEC network to be in place by the end of this year, two years earlier than planned. This was the most exciting training initiative ever in this country.

Mr Tony Blair, chief Opposition spokesman on employ-





# Exercising mind over matter



Part 3:

**The power of a positive outlook**

**In the age of gyms and jogging, there is evidence that personality may be as important as physical fitness.**

**Victoria McKee reports**

**W**hat is the latest thinking on exercise — and exercising the inclination to abstain from it?

Is a tranquil mind a more important factor in determining long-term health than a perfectly tuned body, or are the two linked?

The Seventies sorted people into As, Bs and Cs according to their socio-economic category. In the Eighties the same letters were used to designate psychological types, and a profile of heart attack and cancer "personalities" began to emerge, with the impatient, explosive Type A tending towards the former and the introverted, emotion-bottling Type C the latter.

Can we draw on what we know of them — and some of the trials and errors of the Eighties — to compose a sensible blueprint for physical and mental health in the Nineties?

Experts are beginning to believe that, if pathological personalities exist, there must be such a thing as a healthy personality — and that we can be trained to achieve it. For some people that may involve learning to be more selfish and assertive, for others becoming calmer and less aggressive. And for the Type E person (defined by Dr Harriet Braiker in the United States as the person, usually a woman, who tries to be everything to everybody) it might involve a complete re-thinking of priorities. It may sound impossible, but some claim that, given the right impetus, we can change the personality we thought we were born with. At the Bristol Cancer Health Centre, for example, patients practise mind over matter techniques, learning to fight the disease as an emotional enemy rather than succumb to it passively.

On this page are two healthy young women, each of whom feels she is at her peak of looks, energy and condition. One has achieved a superb state of fitness from regular and vigorous exercise, and a conscious attempt at healthy eating. The other attributes her sense of well-being to the power of positive thinking — despite admitting to a self-indulgent lifestyle and a diet that reads like a nutritionist's nightmare. Can a positive frame of mind over-ride negative factors — or will the abstemious exerciser enjoy the last laugh?

Can adopting a Scarlett O'Hara philosophy be one of the keys to a healthy personality? The thick-skinned heroine of *Gone With the Wind*, who thought about unpleasant things "tomorrow", did not waste energy on guilt or self-identification.

Dr Marie Johnston, reader in psychology at the Royal Free Hospital in London with a special interest in the relationship between attitude and health, believes Scarlett may have been on to something. Johnston says research by Professor Martin Seligman in the United States into the psychology and lifespan of baseball players, revealed that those who always claimed full credit for their victories and blamed others for their defeats invariably lived longer than those who attributed triumph to teamwork but shouldered responsibility for losing.

Does this mean we should all start shamelessly passing the buck? "Well," Johnston says, "it certainly seems healthy to be able to give a positive interpretation to ambiguous events. If the doctor walks past their bed some hospital patients will assume it's because they're well enough not to need his attention, whereas others will worry that there's nothing more he can do for them." She says reports of numerous studies indicate that the former are more likely to be survivors than the latter.

So "attributional style" — how



Champagne lifestyle: Susie Bick loves lounging around and says she cannot stand even the thought of exercise. "I don't worry about things"



Looking after herself: Elaine Jordan runs an average 40 miles a week

you attribute what happens to you, for good or bad — may be important. Johnston says it is not what happens that matters so much as how people perceive what happens, and their methods of coping with it. "Whichever risk factor you look at — smoking, lack of exercise, a traumatic life event — it doesn't kill everyone. There's reasonable evidence that people who complain of a lot of symptoms have what is known as negative affectivity, and describe things in a way that's anxious and negative."

Johnston subscribes to the theory of the "hardy personality, which is increasingly thought to be predictive of good health". She explains: "These people are someone who has to get to a squash court for 40 minutes of violent exercise because they're worried about their health is not exercising in a healthy way"

**'Someone who has to get to a squash court for 40 minutes of violent exercise because they're worried about their health is not exercising in a healthy way'**

"An ability to be in touch with your feelings, since so much illness is about not registering your feelings so the unconscious develops the symptoms."

Dr Jan de Winter, who runs the Jan de Winter Cancer Prevention Clinic in Brighton, believes in the power of the mind to trigger or control disease, but also advocates exercise for the "endorphins" it builds up in the body which, he believes can, "boost the immune system to fight off the hostile elements bombarding us all the time". But Dr Ian Cockerill, a sports psychologist at Birmingham University, points out that endorphins, the body's equivalent to morphine, can become addictive.

"People can become addicted to the feeling they get from exercise," Cockerill says, "and withdrawal symptoms can be severe."

Professor Andrew Steptoe,

professor of psychology at the University of London, who has done studies on reducing hypertension, says: "One must see psychological characteristics in interaction with the life you lead. If you have certain maladaptive ways of coping with the environment, there are ways you can change. Those who seem to override the negatives are those who have a flexible approach to life. People with a more extensive network of social contacts are better off than those who devote all their commitment to a single person or thing."

Steptoe recommends regular, "rhythmic" exercise. "From the psychological point of view there's good evidence that moderate aerobic exercise improves people's moods and the way they cope with stress. But whereas performance in professional sportsmen and women seems to increase as they become aroused, a state of calm energy is more desirable. One wants high levels of energy without the tension, and meditation and yoga are one way of attaining it."

Dr Craig Sharp, director of physical science for the British Olympic Medical Centre, believes that exercise in the 1990s should be "controlled stretching, combined with brisk walking, for the heart and lungs. The message is coming home that it's very dangerous to do bouncy stretches, as an aerobics. It has also been proven that brisk walking is better than the controlled shuffle which, to most people, is 'running'."

But Sharp concedes that "given the choice between a contented sloth and an obsessive dieter and exerciser, I'd say the sloth might have a good chance of being healthier."

Provided, of course, the sloth is genuinely content. The worst of both worlds, experts agree, is to do no exercise and eat all the wrong foods and worry about your unhealthy lifestyle.

## TOMORROW

**Can you control your environment — and do you need to?**

## A HAPPY MODEL OF SELF-INDULGENCE

**S**usie Bick, aged 23 and a size 10, is a top international model who exists on a diet of bacon and eggs, sausage and mash, crisps and chocolate and whose idea of exercise is to switch on the video or stroll down to her local wine bar. Her favourite activity is, she confesses, "lying in bed drinking champagne, eating chocolates and watching television: I just love lounging around."

She "can't stand even the thought of exercise", and "can't eat vegetarian meals because they don't seem like proper food to me. I went to my doctor because I was wondering about my diet and he said I could have sausage and mash every day and it wouldn't matter, but I suppose I may have to change my ways a bit when I'm older."

She also smokes about 20 cigarettes a day and enjoys drinking — "although not before I'm working, because I wake up looking puffy". She is convinced she looks and feels so good, despite her diet of "rubbish", partly because youth is on her side, and also because she is a positive thinker.

"I believe that positivity breeds positivity and negativity attracts negative energy," she says. "I guess I'm just a happy person. I don't worry about things. If something bad happens to me I just think 'tomorrow's another day', and indulge in things that make me happy."

## ON THE RUN FROM FLABBY MIDDLE AGE

**E**laine Jordan, aged 37 and a muscular nine stone, is an environmental health officer with Birmingham City Council, and is soon to be a tutor with the Health Education Authority's "Look After Yourself" campaign. She runs an average of 40 miles a week, goes to "popmobility" (movement to music) classes two or three times a week, enters marathons and goes fell-running as a hobby. She constantly sets herself challenges. "I like to think I don't get rusty if I don't get a run, and I like to think I'm not obsessed by it, but most probably I am," she says. "I've been interested in healthy eating for 15 years, and although I have been vaguely obsessive — in that I'd rather have gone hungry than eaten white bread — I'm now more philosophical about it. And I do drink."

She has worked through shin splints and Achilles tendonitis, and a fractured ankle kept her from running for three weeks, during which time she continued to keep fit on a rowing machine. Although she admits she feels frustrated if something keeps her from her daily workout, she finds exercise "a pleasure. I'm very fortunate that I enjoy something that's good for me. I really enjoy the feeling of being tired from exercise. I've never hit the 'runner's high' yet — but maybe that's what keeps me going." So, she admits, does the spectre of a flabby middle age.

## DANGERS OF POUNDING THE PAVEMENT

# Keep fit with the old fogey

**E**xercise does not have to be violent to be useful. The good news is that the old fogey striding out, shod in sensible shoes, dressed in tweeds and wrapped in a thick topcoat, for a brisk, daily half hour's walk is doing his health almost as much good as the sweaty, track-suited jogger who pounds the pavements. Indeed, it may well be only the jogger's expensive trainers which are saving his spine, hips and knees from irremedial damage.

Research workers at Glasgow and Loughborough Universities have recently confirmed that the important factor in taking exercise, particularly for the over-35s, is that it should be regular and brisk, and never spasmodic and violent; in this way the advantages are reaped but complications avoided. One recent study from Loughborough showed that even a half hour's walking in the garden each day was all that was necessary to improve health.

More rigorous exercise schedules, organized team games or competitive squash or tennis can bring great pleasure, relieve stress and add a point to the daily fitness schedule; they are beneficial so long as the games themselves, or the training programme for them, involves exercising at least three times a week. It is said that the man who leaves his chair by the television only to drive to the office has a better prognosis than the once-a-week squash player, that the person who exercises vigorously twice a week has the same health prospects as the sedentary man, and that only when vigorous exercise is taken three times a week or more do the advantages become apparent.

Hard exercise becomes fun only when you are fit; when starting afresh, or after a lapse of time, any exercise schedule must begin gradually, for even a three-week holiday can upset the body's rhythm. Before a heavy training programme is undertaken by the over-40s, it is advisable to have a fitness assessment, which should include an exercise ECG (heart tracing). Exercise should never be undertaken by people when they have a feverish infection, for rather than sweating it out they might well collapse from sudden heart failure. Exercising when feverish is thought to account for several previously unexplained deaths in young people each year.

Vigorous exercise increases the level of endorphins, morphine-like substances which are found in high concentrations in the central nervous system, where they are able to react to produce a sense of well-being as well as relieving any pain. This may well be one of the reasons why exercise can become addictive, for without it some people will miss their daily fix.

It is also the endorphins which are blamed by some research

workers for the undesirable side-effects of severe, prolonged exercise in women. They suggest that the endorphins inhibit the action of the pituitary gland, the conductor of the endocrine orchestra in which the reproductive hormonal glands are players. A good indication that women are exercising too hard is when their periods become irregular. Women who exercise too punishingly — daily exercise pushing their pulse rate up to the 150 mark — stop ovulating and lose their menstrual periods. A survey of Olympic women athletes showed that only a few still had a normal cycle.

Women athletes also lose their secondary sexual characteristics: the rounded contours disappear and breasts and genitalia shrivel. Women athletes, too, are prone to develop osteoporosis in later life, having been deprived in their active years of the female hormone oestrogen as a result of their physical training; conversely, reasonable amounts of exercise improve the body's defence against osteoporosis.

Women sometimes over-exercise as part of a misplaced campaign to lose weight. Hyperactivity can become part of the anorexic syndrome in which a woman's image of her body is distorted and no device is spared which might shed the pounds.

**N**either the anatomy nor the physiology of the archetypal woman is as well designed for Olympic feats as a man's. Her pelvis is set at an awkward angle for easy running, and to compound her musculo-skeletal problems a woman's best control mechanism is less efficient than a man's: she sweats less and her additional subcutaneous fat insulates the body, keeping the heat generated by exercise within the muscles. Most sports provide exercise, some relaxation as well. Golf, provided it is not too competitive, is ideal. Inevitably it involves a brisk five-mile walk; likewise dinghy sailing in blowy conditions provides exercise and interest.

But for most people the secret of taking enough exercise is to forswear idleness. They should climb the stairs and ignore the lift; walk to the shops or office rather than take the car; walk behind the mower rather than ride it. Those who are by nature lazy need to plan their daily walk and make it a fixed routine; they could, for instance, make a point of collecting the evening paper from the newsagent.

Exercise will not only make you feel better, you will be better; you will have less time off work, you will decrease your chance of heart disease, you will lose weight, lower your blood pressure and perhaps even cure insomnia.

**Dr Thomas Stuttaford**

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# TIMES DIARY

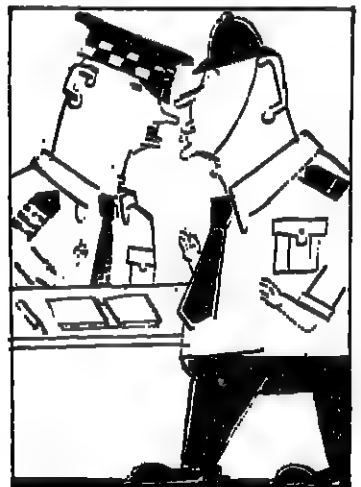
NIGEL WILLIAMSON

Liberal Democrats, doing badly at home, see possibilities opening up in Eastern Europe. The former Liberal leader, Jeremy Thorpe, is, I gather, having talks with King Michael of Romania on what role the Romanian royal family can play in the return to democracy. Richard Holme, former Liberal party president, flew to Prague this week to advise Vaclav Havel, the Czechoslovak president, on how to organize elections on the lines of proportional representation. Andy Ellis, the Liberal Democrats' former chief executive, is now in Hungary after a trip to Romania, and the Young Liberal Democrats have signed a joint declaration with the new League of Young Democrats of Romania. Whether there will be anyone left to run the campaign in the forthcoming Mid Staffordshire by-election remains to be seen.

Could former Romanian president Nicolae Ceausescu and his wife Elena still be alive? Yes, I know we all saw the pictures of their blood-stained bodies just after Christmas, but these things can be faked, as anyone who saw Rik Mayall as Alan B'Stard in *ITV's The New Statesman* last weekend will know. Bob Dunn, the Tory backbencher and former minister, has written to Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, asking what evidence there is that the old dictator is really dead. Contacts in Romania have told Dunn that the Ceausescus are still alive. No doubt *The Sunday Sport* will tell us next weekend that Ceausescu is not only alive and well but living in a bed-sit in Neasden with Elvis Presley.

The Scottish authorities are sending out warrants to an estimated half million people who have not paid their poll tax, introduced there last April. Among them, I learn, are at least 10 Labour MPs who have defied their party's front-bench line, which is to comply with the law while continuing to campaign against it. Alex Falconer, a Labour MEP, has already been to court for refusing to register, and among Westminster MPs, Willie McKelvey, James Wray and frontbench spokeswoman Maria Fyfe all confirm that they have not paid. All expect to receive warrants shortly and will find themselves liable for a 10 per cent surcharge, plus costs. If they still refuse to pay, their bank accounts may be frozen. Wray told me that in Strathclyde a "supposedly socialist council" was using "jackboot tactics" to force the unemployed to pay up. I was unable to contact Ron Brown to discover whether he was planning another court appearance for non-payment, while the usually affable and helpful frontbencher Robin Cook, who originally said he would not pay, refused to tell me whether he has now paid or not.

BARRY FANTONI



Just for the record, the much touted snooker tournament at Chevening last weekend, where John Major assembled his team to begin planning his first Budget, was won by the mandarins, Sir Terence Burns and Sir Peter Middleton, who obviously enjoyed more of a misspent youth than their ministerial bosses. The social evening is traditional at Chevening. Under Nigel Lawson the entertainment consisted of singing madrigals. In Sir Geoffrey Howe's time it was charades, which led to some very strange incidents. Treasury civil servants still recall interrupting a game to inform ministers that sterling was crashing towards parity with the dollar and finding Peter Rees, minister of state, on all fours, barking.

John Taylor, a black barrister of West Indian descent, has just been appointed special adviser to Home Office ministers of state John Patten and David Mellor. He unsuccessfully fought Birmingham Ferry Barr for the Tories against Labour's Jeff Rooker at the last general election and his appointment follows Labour's elevation of Paul Boateng, the first black front-bencher on either side of the House. His appointment is believed to be a first, although I understand there is still no sign of the first black Conservative parliamentary candidate being selected in a winnable seat.

On Sunday I watched Simon Gray's *Old Flames* on BBC2 in a state of high excitement. It was all about mysterious telephone calls which turn out to be from an old school contemporary getting even by killing theatre critics or something.

"That's it!" I cried aloud. "This explains Peter Carró." Before Christmas a person of that name left a telephoned message at the stage door of the Lyric, Hammersmith. "Good luck," it said mysteriously. I have no friend of that name so I ignored it.

Then he rang again, though not to speak to me. Indeed, he introduced himself to a startled management as me and said he wouldn't be in to do the show that evening. His voice, apparently, was a passable imitation of mine; only his lucidity gave him away.

You cannot ignore mysteries. They clump about the sub-

## Can this compromise save Cambodia?

Officials from the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, meeting in Paris since Monday to discuss an Australian proposal for resolving the Cambodian conflict, have agreed that the UN should play an enhanced role. They will seek a political settlement through the vehicle of a UN interim administration charged ultimately with conducting national elections.

The momentum of diplomacy which has been revived as a result is expected to be sustained through another round of talks in Jakarta, where the detail can be worked out.

The central feature of Australia's proposal, which has been broadly accepted, is that it seeks to overcome the problem of internal power-sharing, the main factor in the failure of an international conference on Cambodia held last August, also in Paris. Contentious over power-sharing has centred both on the status of the administration in Phnom Penh — imposed in January 1979 by Vietnamese force of arms — and on a role in

government for the Khmer Rouge.

The tripartite insurgent coalition, which includes the Khmer Rouge and is led nominally by Prince Norodom Sihanouk, has demanded that the Phnom Penh administration be dismantled before elections in favour of an interim one comprising all four Cambodian factions. This demand has enjoyed strong support, from China in particular, but has been rejected by Cambodia's prime minister, Hun Sen, who opposes any role for the Khmer Rouge.

Australia's plan seeks to overcome the problem of power-sharing by setting it aside. It provides for dismantling the Phnom Penh regime and rules out the formation of a four-party interim administration, including the Khmer Rouge, before national elections. It seeks to sweeten the pill for Phnom Penh by having Cambodia's seat in the UN — currently held by the insurgent coalition — declared

vacant. Hun Sen has demanded that it be declared vacant last August as a precondition for a UN role in monitoring the final withdrawal of Vietnamese forces. Deadlock on that issue prevented any authoritative verification of the withdrawal, which took place in September.

The plan is replete with difficulties — not surprising, given the complexity of the Cambodian situation. A UN administrative role to facilitate a transfer of power is within the organization's experience but has never before been coupled with declaring vacant a seat in the General Assembly.

A more substantial difficulty in the way of a UN role is the likely scope of the undertaking, given anticipated problems over a ceasefire. The financial cost of peace-keeping is not expected to be overwhelming in the light of Japan's expressed willingness to help underwrite it. More pressing would be the prospect of heavy casualties should peace-

keeping require enforcement measures. In such circumstances it is uncertain which states would be prepared to risk the human cost.

In addition, the success of Australia's proposal requires the kind of prior compromise between contending Cambodians and their external backers which, if practicable, would have provided a basis for a political settlement before now. A UN administration, however desirable for Cambodia, can only be an expression of such a compromise.

The prospects for such compromise are still doubtful. They depend on the willingness of external backers to contain the warring Cambodian parties and also the extent to which the civil war has assumed an autonomy beyond immediate control. Among the Security Council members, the Soviet Union is sympathetic to the plan, which would relieve it of involvement in another regional conflict. The

US is also clearly interested, as the plan holds out the prospect of an alternative to both the Khmer Rouge and the consolidation of the Vietnamese-imposed regime. China has shown unexpected flexibility in Paris but has not gone beyond earlier support for a UN role as a means of securing verification of Vietnam's military withdrawal.

Most governments are now convinced of the fact of that withdrawal. It may be that in the light of China's still difficult international position, and also common opposition with Vietnam to multi-party democracy, that Peking has decided on a reconciliation with Hanoi. If so, it could be decisive, because Sino-Vietnamese relations have been at the centre of the Cambodian conflict from the outset.

None the less, the practical endorsement of Australia's proposal still requires a willingness by the warring parties and their external backers to observe electoral rules applied by an impar-

tial administering authority. It is still not clear just what is the precise attitude of the Phnom Penh government, and of Prince Sihanouk, to taking part in an electoral process whose outcome they cannot determine. The Khmer Rouge in particular has never played by impartial rules and it is not to be expected that its leaders would countenance the implementation of any proposal which might deny it ultimate victory.

Australia's proposal for a UN solution to the Cambodian conflict has been taken up at a time when the government in Phnom Penh faces growing military threat, in particular from the Khmer Rouge. The new agreement deserves every encouragement. It would be a tragic irony if Western states found themselves standing by helplessly while the Frankenstein's monster, the Khmer Rouge, which they have helped to recreate, crushes all in its path en route to power in Phnom Penh.

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Tamara Dragadze presents the Azerbaijani view of the recent violence

## Why Baku is stained with blood

Near Shemakha in Azerbaijan, I was told by a woman villager, is a shrine so holy that Russian Malakans, Armenians and Azerbaijanis all used to pray there. The last hope of a return to such idyllic days, at least for the foreseeable future, probably died two days ago when about 32 people, mostly Armenians, were killed in Baku, by rampaging gangs of Azerbaijani youths.

Niyazi Ibragimov, committee member of the informal New Moussavat Party, told me yesterday, from Baku, of his despair as Russian troops and marines arrived in the republic. "We are always punished when we retaliate against Armenian oppression," he said.

I believe much of the tragedy in the area has arisen through the lack of reliable information, which left everyone, including the government, relying on hearsay. The Azerbaijanis feel that continual injustice has been done them by the media in the West, as well as within the Soviet Union. Television has shown Armenian victims only; the press reports Armenian casualties; rarely is there a mention of Azerbaijani refugees or victims of violence.

Things have changed, but the stereotyped images of the Azerbaijanis remain: as wild Turkish hordes or — though they say they have received no donations for refugee resettlement from elsewhere in the Muslim

world — savages befuddled by Iranian fundamentalism. When Abel Agabekyan, Gorbachev's economic adviser, said in November 1987 that the enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh should change its administration from Azerbaijan to Armenia, the Azerbaijanis panicked. As Armenians campaigned within Nagorno-Karabakh and in Armenia, Azerbaijanis felt betrayed by Moscow's silence. Had the Kremlin stated firmly at the start that no changes to constitutional borders would be contemplated, and used force to prove it, the Azerbaijanis say they would have felt more confident.

This conflict has been called "ethnic" when it is really a territorial dispute between two nation-states. Since the summer, reports have been reaching Azerbaijan of an Armenian build-up of an arsenal of weapons. In accordance with their plan to annex Nagorno-Karabakh, they were allegedly trying to expel the Azerbaijani minority living there. By the winter there were rumours that Armenians were also trying to occupy the two districts of Azerbaijani territory between the Armenian republic and Nagorno-Karabakh by force. Earlier, about 16,000 Azerbaijanis in the capital of Stepanakert had allegedly been forced to leave and become refugees.

It was a case, the Azerbaijanis claimed, of "if you don't like



what is going on in Nagorno-Karabakh, then leave it." No wonder, they say, that Moscow eventually abdicated control. There were also claims that Azerbaijani villages in the enclave had their water and electricity cut off by the Armenian administrators and, because roads were blocked by armed Armenian gangs, Azerbaijanis had to travel by helicopter to reach Azerbaijani settlements in the enclave.

The most recent events were sparked off by reports of an escalation of the "guerrilla" thrust to achieve Armenian control of Nagorno-Karabakh. Not only was a missile found among building materials being sent from Armenia to Nagorno-Karabakh, I was told, but a group of local Armenian dignitaries of the Shaumyan region to the north was found travelling with an

arsenal of weapons which were later shown on television. Azerbaijanis interpreted them and these people are now in detention, although it is impossible to discover their present whereabouts.

The Armenians were outraged and allegedly arrested 43 Azerbaijanis, including women and children, as hostages. The members of the Azerbaijani informal opposition, now severely fractured into a Popular Front, Social Democratic Party, New Moussavat Party and several other parties, were nevertheless united in their fury.

The local Communist Party and government appealed for calm. However, the people, used to endless public meetings and inclined to voice their demands loudly, cried out for vengeance and suggested that 50 Armenians be taken hostage and exchanged for the Azerbaijanis. It was then that the leaders lost control and

groups of Azerbaijani youths apparently took the law into their own hands. Two of them were killed by a hatchet-wielding Armenian when they tried to take him hostage. When this was announced the counter-killing began.

Humiliated once again, as after the Sumgait massacre of Armenians, the Azerbaijanis have to face what has happened and its consequences. Nobody can justify the violent behaviour of young people out of control, they say repeatedly, but their plea is that the events should be understood in context.

Above all, they ask that a distinction be made between the spontaneous atrocities in Baku and the actions and pronouncements of Azerbaijanis who are committed to the defence of their territory. They say that the young men of the so-called voluntary militia have armed themselves to protect rural areas from further Armenian

encroachment because everyone else had turned a blind eye to the situation for a long time.

It is against this background, the Azerbaijanis say, that the troops sent by Moscow will have to show themselves to be impartial and commit themselves to restoring the Azerbaijanis' constitutional residence rights.

The Azerbaijanis have a lot to lose. They believe that if they were allowed to manage their own economy they would not be the impoverished republic they are, despite their oil and other mineral resources. The economic basis for their demands for sovereignty and, for some politicians, independence, is a strong one.

They dismiss the rhetoric of the outside press, especially that of the West, which attributes Islamic fervour to Azerbaijani nationalism. Worker leaders have told me that Russian workers in the republic have joined in strikes because they too have become convinced that their rights and economic improvements would be better served by devolution of power from the centre.

Yet Armenian sentiments are strong, and felt to be sacred. They say that justice as promised by Gorbachev can be achieved only through recognition of their historical rights to territories of Greater Armenia as they have defined them. But Azerbaijanis argue that Nagorno-Karabakh was under a Muslim Khanate before it was annexed by Russia under the Tsars.

Such claims and counter-claims are no way forward to a negotiated settlement, and probably both sides recognize it.

Eventually, if enough people committed to democracy and constitutional settlement can make their voices heard, then there can surely be a way out. At the moment, both sides can only mourn their dead and nurse their wounded pride.

The author, a research fellow at the School of Oriental and African Studies, has just returned from Azerbaijan.

Michael Mates puts the case for a switch to central funding

## Easing the poll tax burden

together total another £3 billion. Transferring responsibility for these to the Exchequer would dramatically lighten the burden of the community charge.

The critics say this would mean an unacceptable increase in public expenditure. I do not think so. Local authorities could cheat by hiding higher expenditure within the Government's increased grant, but here we have a unique opportunity to prevent them.

All local authorities will soon announce the figure for their first community charge. If the Government then announced that it would assume some costs, it could also state precisely the potential saving for each local authority and offer relief to the entire sum was passed on to the local people. Any authority which declined would be left to explain at the next local election why it had rejected the Government's offer. This approach

present high interest rates and slower growth. So any amelioration should be shared between the domestic charge payer and the business rate payer.

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avoids the need for legislation and would prevent local authorities treating such a grant as a windfall.

How much will the Exchequer — and therefore the general tax payer — have to find to make good the shortfall? If the financing of all education were to be undertaken by central government, the Exchequer would have to find some £7 billion. But at least £3 billion of that would be saved at once, as the result of a significantly lower community charge; the Government has already set aside £2.5 billion in community charge benefits, £300 million in transitional relief for 1990-91, and £500 million in exemptions and reductions to the charge; much of this would become unnecessary. That leaves only about £4 billion to be met by the Exchequer: in fact a net reduction in public expenditure.

One advantage of a solution like this is that you can first decide on a politically acceptable rate of charge, then tailor the transfer of funds to achieve that rate. Arguably, an average community charge of £66 a head would be far too low to achieve local accountability and so the Government could settle on, say, £150 as a reasonable sum and transfer accordingly.

Teachers' salaries would be an obvious choice, because they have always been negotiated nationally. Education, in short, is a national investment. Yet, because it is undesirable totally to break the local link, part of the costs should continue to be raised locally. So, if it were administratively convenient to transfer teachers' salaries, and then add the cost of police and fire services, the Exchequer would have to find an additional £5 billion or so.

The community charge would drop to an average of £140, the savings based as above would be some £1.5 billion, leaving £3.5

billion to be found from general taxation, or about 2p on the standard rate. Since the Public Sector Debt Repayment is forecast this year to be £12.6 billion, the whole cost could be absorbed in that.

I accept that the consequent release of demand into the economy at a critical moment in the battle against inflation would have to be reflected in the coming Budget, and appropriate adjustments made. Politicians are there to address priorities, and it is difficult to think of a higher priority than the avoidance of the damage inherent in the present arrangements.

As this Government pointed out when it turned its back on all the alternatives, in the 1983 White Paper on rates reform: "No consensus can be found for an alternative local tax to replace domestic rates..." The Government have concluded and announced to Parliament that rates should remain the main source of local revenue for local government.

These words have come back to haunt us, and for the sake of our people as well as our party something must be done.

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## I say, old boy, are you a hit man?

conscious at bedtime. As far as I can recall I have not, like Stephen Fry in *Old Flames*, run over my ex-lover's husband in my BMW, at least, not intentionally, but I bet this nutter turns out to be someone I was at school with.

A disadvantage of theatre listings is that people know where you are. Yesterday brought "Dear Griff. Due to my recent hysterectomy I am unable to travel to Hammersmith to see you in *Thark*. Would you therefore kindly send me your autographed photo to cheer me up", and demands for autographs from, among others, Yvette the Conqueror, Rosie and Peter Lunney ("please let me have your date of

birth where indicated on the fifth slip of paper enclosed"). It is disconcerting to be the object of a hobby as indiscriminating as train spotting. (These people send identical requests to Dunsdale Landon, for heaven's sake.)

But the post is as nothing to the human tide washed up at the stage door. Some years ago there was the man, in army fatigues, who claimed he had worked in the flies on *Not in Front of the Audience*. He was in a state. "Thank God you're here, Griff," he said. "You remember me, don't you? You must remember me!" He started sobbing. "I'm in the Territorials, see. I've lost my pass and I've got to get home."



GRIFF RHYS JONES

Home for the part-time fly operator and South London-accented semi-professional soldier was in Glasgow. It took ten minutes to find out that he was prepared to go by coach and eight

quid to see him off.

That same week came the old school friend: not Heamiker-Gotley, not Tompsett, Roberts or Horth, or even Woolard, whom one would quite like to see again (Charles Lambert, please ring in), but Noone. Well I hardly remember Noone, even though I have just remembered him. Conversation over tea and cake was stilted.

"Well, you seem to have done all right for yourself," he started. They usually do. It brings things to a halt. There is no answer, except perhaps "Mmmmm" — a noise made by sticking a peering in the mouth and chewing hard. "Have another cake," I said. But Noone had a far-away

look in his eye. "I've been living in Hong Kong," he said. (It was that far away, the look.) Luckily he was not trying to get home. It would be more than eight quid, even by coach. No, he had had his fill of the East and was home looking for company and a new start.

Well, I didn't feel like providing either. I am not a Somerset Maugham short story; life is too long. Luckily, I managed to get very boring and he went off and tried the old boys' association instead. Then, on Monday evening, I was sitting in the theatre bar. On the adjacent stool was a bloke with a beard. "Remember me?" he said.

"No, but I guess you were at school with me," I replied. "Correct," he said. "I got expelled in 1972, the year before you were made head boy." Well, I never was made head boy, and I cannot imagine why he was expelled unless it was for the beard. Perhaps he was thinking of a different school. "You've done all right for yourself," he started. There were no mercuries to hand, so I stuffed a napkin in my mouth and ran to make-up.

In the dressing room, Dunsdale was ecstatic. "It's very good news," he said, scribbling a note to cheer up the lady with the hysterectomy. "It means we're in a success. You only get these people when you're in a success. Have you had the long-lost relatives on your mother's side yet?" "I don't think so," I replied, and paused. "Is Carro by any chance a Welsh name?"





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## MR MODROW'S CHOICE

Mr Hans Modrow made a brief but, for an East German Prime Minister, unprecedented excursion yesterday across the now ruinous Berlin Wall. Meanwhile, at the Office of National Security the staff were clearing away the debris left by angry protesters on Monday. Such images of reconciliation and catharsis abound in Berlin in these stirring times.

Fast as it is, however, the pace of political change is not fast enough for many East Germans. They are impatient to be consulted, and are sceptical of the communist-led coalition's interest in doing so. They refuse to recognize Mr Modrow's right to represent them merely because, unlike his predecessor, he does not stand accused of corruption or even treason. They do not wish a renamed Stasi to protect their socialist Constitution from "anti-socialist elements" because they do not believe in socialism.

It is the Stasi they fear, and their only wish is to live under the same political system as their neighbours in the Federal Republic. Without socialism, though, East Germany would lose its rationale as a separate state.

Nobody knows for certain how many East Germans think along these lines, but they are likely to be a majority. The thousands who are still emigrating to the Federal Republic are tangible evidence that the country is still unwilling to entrust the general election due in May to communist politicians, of whom Mr Modrow was one, who held high office during the systematic rigging of the local elections in May last year.

At the roundtable talks between government and opposition, few if any participants represent the many people who want an end to the whole experiment of a divided Germany. Mr Modrow prefers to deal with those opposition groups, such as the New Forum or the reconstituted Social Democrats, which have so far steadfastly refused to question the desirability of an East German state. Most of these opposition politicians are committed to some form of socialism, and many would have much to lose in a reunited Germany. Hence

they are promoting the idea that the renunciation of East German sovereignty would be a "sell-out" to capitalism. They are not without encouragement from abroad: there are many in Britain and elsewhere who would like to believe that the reunification of Germany could be indefinitely postponed.

But if the promise of free elections is worth anything, the East German electorate is entitled to express a view on the question of sovereignty. Mr Modrow's attempt to reinstate the secret police on the grounds that neo-Nazis would otherwise exploit the loss of authority of the State was rightly rejected even by those privileged opposition leaders who have been admitted to the round-table talks. It is unacceptable for the communists to exclude from the electoral process anyone who questions the legitimacy of a state, the *raison d'être* of which is the perpetuation of socialism on German soil.

Logic as well as convenience dictate that reunification should be addressed on the international plane by the two German states, and other interested parties, only after the question of the ideological orientation of the German Democratic Republic has been finally resolved by the forthcoming elections. Both Nato and the Soviet Union have legitimate security interests, while Poland and Czechoslovakia might also require guarantees.

But there is no doubt that, while negotiations are postponed, the issue of reunification ought quite properly to play a part in the campaigning for the May election. Mr Modrow will already have forfeited his mandate to guide the country through the transition to genuine democracy unless he is ready to allow them to elect a government which will represent their convictions on reunification.

The onus is on the Modrow Government to prove its people's fears unjustified; but the price of failure may be a collapse of authority so total that only the Federal Republic could restore order. Reunification may come by consent or by default; the choice is Mr Modrow's.

## FALSE DAWN IN BUCHAREST

The trials announced for this week of the fallen dictator's most notorious son and other key figures in the Ceausescu regime may help to assuage popular demands for revenge. Romania's ruling National Salvation Front has a harder task on its hands, however: that of retaining the credibility necessary to govern people hungry for change, and suspicious that "their" revolution has been stolen from them by a palace coup.

The Front appeared to begin the new year auspiciously. It disbanded the hated Securitate, invited political parties to register and abolished the death penalty. It shortened the industrial working week and gave peasants the right to own plots of land. The destruction of Romanian villages has been halted, contraception and abortions have been legalized and all Romanians given the right to passports.

These measures have not allayed suspicion that the Front is just the smiling face of the *ancien régime*. The new year decree prohibits the registration not only of fascists but of parties with "ideas that run counter to the state order". The fledgling parties accuse the Front of fixing the election date early in order to deprive them of the time they need to organize campaigns.

They are bitterly critical of the decision of the Front, a body dominated by communists which originally described itself as a caretaker group with no political ambitions, to contest the election itself. Critics also assert that the Securitate has been abolished in name only, and that its members walk abroad unpunished.

Last Friday, the leadership appears to have panicked. When an angry mob descended on its offices, it abruptly outlawed the Communist Party, and then had second thoughts. The question is now to be submitted to a national referendum on January 28 — a referendum

which, in a bow to populist pressures, will also allow the people to decide whether abolition of the death penalty should stand.

Banning parties is not a promising route to democratic freedom. The kindest interpretation of this muddle is probably the true one: both government and people are learning democracy, with nothing but a void to build on after years of living under the Ceausescu thought police. At the same time, the domination of the Front, and in particular the 11-man council which issues decrees in its name, by old-guard communist dissidents has forced it on to the defensive.

That has economic as well as political consequences. The Government admits that the economic situation is disastrous, far worse than the picture given by the falsified statistics of the Ceausescu era. Yet it clings to the idea that a command economy can coexist with some degree of free enterprise — and to the notion that serious economic reforms can wait until after the elections.

The Army, meanwhile, appears increasingly to be holding the ring and, possibly, staking its claim as the only midwife capable of delivering the newborn child of democracy. That outcome should be avoided if possible — if only because military "interim" regimes, the world over, have turned out extraordinarily difficult to dislodge.

Public confidence would be improved if the Front renounced its electoral ambitions and deferred the national poll until the autumn. All parties should be given access to the media.

The Front could then concentrate on its "caretaker role", starting by improving the distribution of the foreign aid pouring into Romania. Democracy cannot be built overnight, but some of the foundations for its success must be laid now.

## FLYING THE TRICOLOUR

Air France agreed last week to buy a 54.8 per cent stake in UTA, the largest privately-owned French airline. The transaction creates Europe's largest carrier, and gives the state-owned airline a virtual monopoly of French international and domestic routes. Outstripping both British Airways and Lufthansa, the enlarged company moves into fourth place in the world table.

The opposition parties and sections of the French press are sharply critical — "nationalization that dare not speak its name", said a leader in *Le Figaro*. The unions are up in arms, and so is the management of the threatened airline, although the writing has been on the wall for some time. UTA's managing director, Mr René Lapointe, has at last himself fallen victim to what he has more than once described as "the French Aeroflot complex".

Mr Karel van Miert, the EC Commissioner who has responsibility for transport, appears to be taking a relaxed view of the proposed takeover, arguing that because Air France and UTA mainly operate different routes, there will be no violation of anti-monopoly rules. Sir Leon Brittan, on the other hand, who holds the competition portfolio in Brussels, has said that it raises fundamental questions under the European Community's competition policy.

Sir Leon has said that he is concerned for the protection of the consumer as air traveller in the single European market. His concern is well founded, because what is happening as 1992 looms is that although governments give every appearance of embracing more competition, industrial pressures are thrusting civil aviation in precisely the opposite direction.

The next phase in European air transport liberalization is due to be launched later this year. The Air France bid is only the latest in a whole series of pre-emptive moves to defend routes and protect domestic markets. The EC is already examining the recently proposed

joint venture between Sabena, KLM and British Airways which would give the Belgian national airline a much needed injection of capital and the Dutch and British increased access to Brussels airport.

All the airlines know that in the brave new world of the single market the competitive battle in Europe will be waged between a handful of dominant groupings. The Scandinavian airline, SAS, who have been skillfully extending their international links, have a pithy slogan which both sketches a scenario and defines their own ambition — "one of 5 in '95".

The dogfight will not be confined to European skies, however. The thought of the US mega-carriers, with their huge domestic market at their back, is never far from the collective mind of the European airline industry. They are also alive to what is going on around the Pacific Rim, where an increasing number of Asian airlines run highly efficient, low-cost operations. When Singapore Airlines place an order worth \$8.6 billion for 50 aircraft as they did yesterday, it is not for purposes of local tourism.

Removing the barriers to airline competition on this side of the Atlantic was never going to be as quick or as easy as it was 10 years ago in the United States. Our air traffic control system is still at the horse and buggy stage; there is a shortage both of airspace and of airport capacity; the huge route networks which some airlines enjoy as a result of past monopoly positions make the prospects for newcomers look as welcoming as the north face of the Eiger.

The European Commission's investigation into the acquisition of UTA will centre on article 86 of the Treaty of Rome, which is concerned with abuses of dominant market position. It should recall the succinct judgement offered last year by one of its own experts: "The US deregulated but forgot to apply anti-trust".

## Baby's abduction from hospital

From Mr Malcolm Lawson-Paul  
Sir, The very distressing case of a newly-born baby recently abducted from a London teaching hospital (reports, January 12-16) highlights the considerable difficulties faced by hospital management and staff in maintaining adequate security in a period of acute staffing shortages. Current practice dictates that hospital patients, including newly-born infants, are supplied with a plastic wrist tag giving details of name, blood group, etc.

I suggest that it should be possible to incorporate into these tags the type of security system triggering an alarm bleeper, such as is employed inside the front covers of books in the majority of lending libraries.

Such tags, removable only by authorized staff, could be beneficially used with babies and young children as well as those patients who might constitute a risk either to themselves or to others if at large. This system might do much to alleviate the natural anxiety of parents and relatives, fully justifying the initial cost.

Yours faithfully,  
MALCOLM LAWSON-PAUL,  
111 Saint Pancras,  
Chichester, West Sussex.  
January 16.

From the General Secretary of the Health Visitors' Association  
Sir, The abduction of Dawn Griffiths' baby Alexandra from hospital by a woman describing herself as a health visitor raises some important points in addition to the vital necessity that Alexandra must be returned to her mother immediately.

Health visitors rarely, if ever, remove a baby from its parents for treatment. Our aim is to work with parents, involving them in all aspects of their baby's care. They are, after all, the experts on their own child. All health visitors should carry an ID card issued by their health authority. Parents should ask to see this card if they are at all anxious about their health visitor's identity.

Health visitors have no right of access to people's homes. We are invited guests and I feel certain that no health visitor would ever knowingly abuse that trust.  
Yours faithfully,  
CATHERINE BURNS,  
General Secretary,  
Health Visitors' Association,  
50 Southwark Street, SE1.

## Cause of inflation

From Mr A. M. Pay  
Sir, When I was younger, my economics taught me that there were four elements in the cost of production, viz., labour, capital, rent, and profit. Wages were paid to labour, interest to capital, rent to landowners, and profit to the entrepreneur, who organised it all.

No one rebukes the investor for seeking the highest return for his capital, the landowner for charging the most rent, or the entrepreneur for maximising his profit.

How come, nowadays, it is only increased wages that cause cost-inflation? What happens to higher interest, rents and profits? Do they not also cause inflation?  
Yours faithfully,  
A. M. PAY,  
(A.M. Pay & Co.,  
Insurance Brokers),  
45 Bulwer Road,  
Leytonstone, E11.

From Mr R. N. Hutchins  
Sir, It was good to see the letters (December 30; January 8) on the wider use of the national grid system. May I make two suggestions.

1. Central and local government newspaper notices about land-use matters, such as the closure of footpaths, should give the grid reference. This would enable any interested reader to identify the location without going to see the deposited plans.

2. The tourist boards should use the NG system in their accommodation lists and leaflets. As a walker, cyclist, and motorist I have found that in remote parts the postal address gives little clue to the location.

We are fortunate to have the best maps in the world; let us try to make the best use of them.  
Yours faithfully,  
RICHARD HUTCHINS,  
171 High Street,  
Clapham, Bedford.

## War crimes trials

From Mr I. N. Duncan Wallace, QC  
Sir, Recent events in Europe demand examination of the virtually undebated political dimension of the proposals to prosecute persons resident in this country for crimes committed against Soviet citizens, in the main of Jewish origin, on foreign soil.

To prosecute a Latvian, Estonian, or Lithuanian for allegedly mistreating Soviet citizens subtly but powerfully legitimises Russia's invasion and annexation of those territories. It also distracts attention from the subsequent displacement and attempted genocide of their peoples and culture. Similar considerations arise in the Ukraine.

How delighted, prior to recent events, the Soviet authorities must have been to find the same spirit which handed over Cosmacks and Chetniks in 1945 still alive and well, not only in the Foreign Office but now in the House of Commons; and how unsurprising was the alacrity with which the successors to the Katyn murderers, and the perpetrators of countless (and

## Threat to Yanomami land rights

From Mr K. A. Ziegler  
Sir, Your editorial, "Saving the Yanomami" (January 13), describes the remarkable betrayal of constitutionally granted rights to the traditional lands of the Brazilian Amazonian Yanomami people by the outgoing Government of President Sarney.

Not only do you do Fernando Collor's incoming Government a service by highlighting the lawless exploitation and destruction of the indigenous people's right to land, on which they have left no trace of environmental pollution over their 10,000 years of ecologically sound custodianship, but you rightly underline the presumption of corruption in the policy reversal announced last week, in favour of permitting unregulated and environmentally destructive gold mining to continue in an area of maximum biological diversity and ethnobiological importance.

The region of Roraima contains the headwaters of three of the world's greatest river systems and aquifers — the Amazon, the Orinoco and the Essequibo. The well-being of tribal and agricultural people of at least three nations requires these aquifers to remain clean.

The irony and foul odour of the remarkable policy reversal by the Government is that 80 per cent of Brazil's gold production evades national taxes and through a labyrinth of middlemen and a few tycoons, adds to Brazil's economic

cally corrosive exodus of flight capital.

Could this decision be linked with the unusual support by Caceres, Brazil's official export-import bank, to the construction of a road through Guyana, in support of the private gold-mining concession at Tassawari, Roraima, granted to Brazil's private Parapana Construction Company?

Or, might the state governor of Roraima, Romero Jucá, facing a re-election campaign this year, feel more comfortable with the numerous gold diggers than the dwindling number of more elusive Indians? Jucá's previous job as controversial head of the Government's Indian Foundation had not made him popular with the Indians.

President Sarney's Government has often claimed that the Amazonian rainforests suffer because of the poverty of Brazil's people and the need to repay the nation's foreign debt. Unbridled greed, by a few unscrupulous people, is the greatest culprit.

Why should tax payers of northern countries be asked to help bail out Brazil's foreign debt, if its own Government allows tax evasion, massive capital flight, environmental devastation and genocide to continue in Amazonia?

Yours etc.,  
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6 Bradbrook House,  
Studio Place,  
Kinnerton Street, SW1.  
January 16.

## Hong Kong crisis

From Mr Robert Chambers  
Sir, One can only agree with Michael Short (January 4) about what must be done to attempt to rescue democracy and freedom in Hong Kong before the communist takeover in 1997. There are also actions that must not be taken.

We have learnt today that a Hong Kong censorship board has upheld the banning on political grounds of a Taiwanese-made documentary programme about the democracy movement in China. This was to have been shown at a private cinema as only part of a more general programme.

That this can be done now must give real grounds for deep concern about Government intentions and the future of freedom in Hong Kong. Yours faithfully,  
R. CHAMBERS,  
(Secretary-General, British Section),  
International Society for Human Rights,  
27 Old Gloucester Street, WC1.  
January 4.

From Mr Michael Ogden, QC  
Sir, One advantage resulting from the decision to allow 50,000 Hong Kong families the right to live here, is that there can be no question of our being persuaded at the forthcoming international conference to agree to accept any Vietnamese. Quite apart from anything else, public opinion would be so hostile as to render it impossible for the Government to agree.

I strongly support Mr Norman Tebbit's objections to immigration on the scale which has happened in the past. However, I consider that Hong Kong is a

special case, in that we owe a special duty to it. Furthermore, those who do come here will be respectable, hard-working people who will not be a burden on the State but will generate wealth; plainly, it is not possible to be confident that the same could be said about all the Vietnamese boat-people.

The Hong Kong people will be assimilated without trouble, since the "at worst" figure of 50,000 families is not a large number. Indeed, I could with the figure greater, since even allowing for those who have already acquired rights of abode outside Hong Kong, I fear that 50,000 may not be enough to achieve the Government's objective.

As for the Vietnamese, the international community must accept that they can neither stay in Hong Kong nor come here. Yours faithfully,  
MICHAEL OGDEN,  
2 Crown Office Row,  
Temple, ECA.

## Disaster relief

From Mr Hugh Hanning  
Sir, Mr Mellor's vivid report on Romania (letter, January 9) confirms, like every other disaster operation, that when it comes to providing fast relief they order these things better in France.

This was embarrassingly evident over Armenia, where the world saw the arrival two days after the earthquake of nearly 200 experts from the Securitate Civile. This is a government organisation run by the Minister for Humanitarian Action, M Kouchner, with direct access to the President and Prime Minister. To underline the commitment, M Kouchner was a former director of Médecins sans Frontières.

As he reported to the French Cabinet last week, M Kouchner reached Romania before Christmas, and though that crisis was unsuitable for his organisation, unlike natural disasters, he was able to act as coordinator, since he knows personally so many of the Médecins people.

We in Britain have nothing at all. While the voluntary agencies are as good as ever, government policy has actually slipped backwards in the 20 years since Mr Richard Wood, the Conservative minister, visited Bangladesh in person within a week of the cyclone, after Messrs Heath and Home had ordered in a major rescue operation.

Let us hope we do better in the 1990s.  
Yours etc.,  
HUGH HANNING (Chairman, Fontmell Group on Disaster Relief),  
18 Montpelier Row,  
Blackheath, SE3.  
January 10.

## Faithful friends

From Mrs Elizabeth Dutton  
Sir, Every year I cook a large Christmas pudding in the basin used by my mother when teaching her domestic science class well before the 1914 war.

At other times it becomes a block for moulding and drying my husband's washed gardening hat. Yours faithfully,  
ELIZABETH DUTTON,  
High Meadows,  
Playford,  
Ipswich,  
Suffolk.  
January 12.

## Higher targets for school staff

From Mr J. Hoben  
Sir, Your balanced and reasoned leading article of January 4 ("The status of teachers") is welcome. However, your support, in conclusion, for the concept of differential payments we believe to be misplaced.

In September, 1989, this primary school had a staffing establishment of head, deputy and five full-time, main-scale teachers. Two incentive allowances, each of a different value, were available. Prior to this scheme all responsibility, from curriculum leadership to pastoral care, had been shared equally, according to qualification and experience, between all seven staff, each taking care to note new legislation and shifts in emphasis.

We considered this to be a natural part of our professional commitment towards a highly successful and popular school.

I now have two staff, sensitive to my dilemma over the divisiveness of the scheme, who are puzzled as to why they should receive different above-scale rates for doing what they gladly did before as a natural part of their professional contribution. The remaining three are also sympathetic but puzzled by their lack of an "incentive" for their equal and vital portion. The cohesion so carefully built up over the past 10 years is already slipping away.

The idea that those lured from industry will, by virtue of their qualifications, be effective classroom teachers is highly suspect. Equally unlikely is the prospect of wealthy commercial interests allowing their carefully nurtured talent to be seduced for the want of a mere palm of silver.

Until we recognise and reward every effective teacher for the good of the whole school and the whole child, the brightest and best will follow the maxim: "Mine the higher aim, the longer reach — to teach men how to teach men how to teach".

If the principle of differential payments in areas of local or national shortage is sound rather than expedient, why are we not paying black policemen more than white ones?  
Yours faithfully,  
J. HOBEN (Headmaster),  
St Mary's V.C. School,  
Higher Trebarnhe,  
Truro, Cornwall.

## Florence revealed

From Mr Adrian Room  
Sir, The Reverend S. J. Davies asks (January 11) whether the name Florence was ever given in the United Kingdom before Miss Nightingale's fame in the Crimea.

It certainly was, although not on the same popular scale. E. G. Withycombe's *Oxford Dictionary of English Christian Names* notes a Florence Vavon of 1621, and after all Dickens used the name for that of the Dombey's daughter in *Dombey and Son*, published in 1848, five years before the start of the Crimean War.

The novelist Elizabeth Gaskell named her third daughter, born 1842, Florence, and in 1852 wrote to Florence Nightingale from Manchester: "Babies ad libitum are being christened Florence here; poor little factory babies whose grimed, stunted parents brighten up at the name".  
Yours faithfully,  
ADRIAN ROOM,  
173 The Causeway,  
Peterfield, Hampshire.

From Mr A. Th. Arber-Cooke  
Sir, Florentinus and Florentia are masculine and feminine forms of a Roman name, apparently more often given to boys than to girls. The *Book of Saints*, published by the Ramsey Benedictines (sixth edition), notes only one St Florentia but no less than 16 saints named Florentinus, one of them Irish but none British.

However, a British Florentinus gave his name to the parish of St Florence in Pembrokeshire. Florence of Worcester, who died in 1118, was the compiler of a chronicle. Florent occurs as a masculine name in Chaucer and Gower and Florence as a feminine name is found in 16th and 17th century *Visitations* of English counties.

Perhaps the best remembered bearer of the masculine form in recent times was Mr Florenz Ziegfeld.  
Yours faithfully,  
A. TH. ARBER-COOKE,  
Ty Cerrig, Stone Street,  
Llandoverly, Dyfed.

From Mr David Squire  
Sir, About a year ago, when seeing a bust of the famous Englishwoman, my youngest daughter commented, "Oh look. There's Florentine Nightingale." Very appropriate for the lady with the lamp!  
Yours faithfully,  
DAVID SQUIRE,  
2 St Stephen's Avenue,  
Ealing, W13.

From Mr J. P. S. Allison  
Sir, Your correspondent asks: "whether the name Florence was ever given in the United Kingdom prior to Florence Nightingale's return from the Crimea". Well, yes, presumably, by a Mrs Nightingale to her infant daughter, some 30 or so years previously.

Yours faithfully,  
J. P. S. ALLISON,  
4 Ryeburn Street,  
Stockbridge, Edinburgh.

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## COURT AND SOCIAL

### COURT CIRCULAR

**SANDRINGHAM**  
January 16: The Lady Susan Hussey has succeeded Lady Abel Smith as Lady in Waiting to the Queen.

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE**  
January 16: The Duchess of York, President of Action Research for the Crippled Child, this morning received the Director General (Colonel Andrew Breeney-Smith) and the Director General Designate (Mrs Anne Luther) at Buckingham Palace.

This evening The Princess Royal attended a dinner given by the Thirty Club of London at Claridge's, Brook Street, London W1.

The Countess of Lichfield was in attendance.

**CLARENCE HOUSE**  
January 16: Mrs Patrick Campbell-Preston has succeeded

Ruth, Lady Fermoy as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

**KENSINGTON PALACE**  
January 16: The Princess of Wales, Patron, Help the Aged, visited the Senior Leisure Care Centre, Universities Settlement in East London, Toybee Hall, 28 Commercial Street, E1.

Subsequently, Her Royal Highness visited the OUTSET employment scheme for disabled people at the Globe Town Neighbourhood Centre, 62 Roman Road, E2.

Miss Alexandra Loyd and Lieutenant Commander Patrick Jepson, RN, were in attendance.

**KENSINGTON PALACE**  
January 16: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon this evening attended a Private View of the Frans Hals Exhibition at the Royal Academy of Arts in aid of CRUSAID and the Haemophilia Society.

Mrs Jane Stevens was in attendance.

### Birthdays today

Mr Muhammad Ali, boxer, 48; Sir Michael Clapham, former chairman, IMI, 78; Mr Justice Mervyn Davies, 72; Sir Edward Fennelly, radar pioneer, 78; Mrs Monica Furlong, writer, 60; Lord Joseph, CH, 72; Mr Anthony Kenney, obstetrician and gynaecologist, 48; Mr Tony Mullins, jockey, 28; Sir Geoffrey Paine, MP, 54; Professor W.B. Robertson, histo-pathologist, 67; Mr Vidal Sassoon, hair stylist, 62; Miss Moira Shearer, ballerina, 64; Professor Sir David Smithers, radiologist, 62; Mr Clyde Wilson, cricketeer, 64; Miss Gillian Weir, organist, 49; Mr Paul Young, singer, 34.

### Eric Boulter and Edward Venn

A memorial service for Eric Boulter and Edward Venn (RNTB) will be held at All Souls, Langham Place, London, W1, on January 24, 1990, at 2 pm.

### Dean Close School

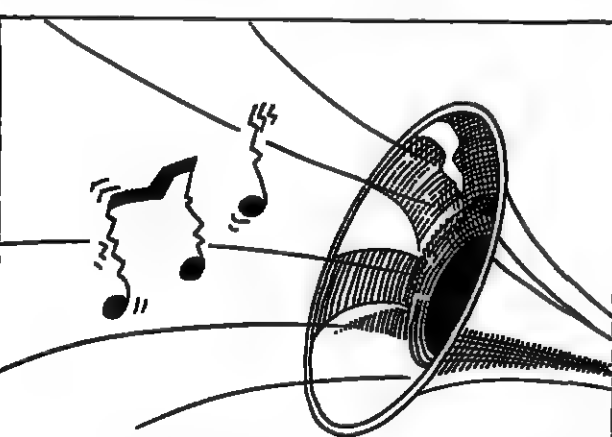
The Spring Term begins today. Joanne Awe is Head of School. Andrew Pike is her deputy and Gordon Eiland is Captain of Hockey. Music Scholarships auditions will be held on March 1, and the Old Deanian Games Day is on March 2. Confirmation conducted by the Right Revd the Bishop of Gloucester will be on March 11, and term ends on March 21.

### St Paul's Cathedral Choir School

Spring Term begins today. The Choir sings at Bath Abbey on Thursday, January 18. Alexei Haigh will be admitted to the Choir on Sunday, January 21. A Voice Trial will be held on Saturday, February 3. An Orchestra Day with Westminster Cathedral Choir School and Westminster Abbey Choir School will be on Wednesday, February 14. Day Boy Entrance Tests will be on Saturday, February 17. The Confirmation Service will be on Saturday, April 7. The St John Passion is on Tuesday, April 10, and term will end on Sunday, April 15. The Choir, with the English Brass Ensemble, will be on tour in Spain, April 20-28.

### Polytechnic news

South Bank: Professor George Overend has been awarded an honorary fellowship by the polytechnic.



## "In my heart I knew this was the final blow."

When the notes will not come as easily as they used to, it isn't just the music that suffers. After a life-time of giving pleasure to others, the musician can find his or her career and livelihood ending on a sour note. So often with only a small pension to fall back on, he or she faces real poverty.

A gift to the Musicians Benevolent Fund allows us to halt that slide and raise the spirits and living standards of those musicians who deserve a better reward.

Or, even better, why not remember the Fund in your Will? In that way your love of music will live on for others to enjoy.

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## Forthcoming marriages

**Vicent Desages and Miss C.L. Brighton**  
The engagement is announced between Graham (G.G. Wellesley Jr), eldest son and heir of The Rt Hon 7th Earl Cowley and the Lady Cowley, of London, SW7, and Claire, only daughter of Mr and Mrs E.W. Brighton, of Slow Bridge, Norfolk.

**Mr C.J. Barclay and Miss E. Raybould**  
The engagement is announced between Christopher, only son of Dr P.J. Barclay and Mrs L. Barclay, of Essex, and Elizabeth, younger daughter of Mr J.G. Raybould and Mrs A.M. Raybould, of Orston, Nottingham.

**Mr J.J. Brown and Miss J.E. Copus**  
The engagement is announced between Julian, elder son of Mr and Mrs R.A. Brown, of Hopton, Diss, Norfolk, and Jane, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs B.H. Copus, of Market Weston, Diss, Norfolk.

**Mr N.P. Byfield and Miss L.R. Norman**  
The engagement is announced between Neville Paul, son of Mr and Mrs D.C. Byfield, of Virginia Water, Surrey, and Lynda Kay, youngest daughter of the late Mr R.D. Norman and of Mrs D. Norman, of Virginia Water, Surrey.

**Mr J.E. Carr and Miss P.A. Bagnall-Jones**  
The engagement is announced between Julian, elder son of Mr and Mrs Ronald Carr, of Newton Ferrers, Devon, and Philippa, elder daughter of Mr Michael Reynolds-Jones, of Wiltshire, and Mrs Diana Reynolds-Jones, of Stroud, Gloucestershire.

**Mr B.J. Etherington and Miss E.M. Berkhart**  
The engagement is announced between John, only son of Mr and Mrs Bernard Etherington, of Stokenchurch, Bucks, and Kim, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Burkhardt, of Hamilton, New Zealand.

**Mr H.E. Hamilton and Miss O.M. Martin**  
The engagement is announced between Hubert Kildare, elder son of Captain and Mrs H.C.P. Hamilton, of Moyne, Durrow, Co. Wick, and Olivia, daughter of Mr and Mrs C.P.J. Martin, of Greenmount, Clonsilla, Co. Dublin.

**Mr S.M. Cowcher and Miss C.E. Brown**  
The engagement is announced between Simon Martin, younger son of Mr Paul Cowcher, of Tunstead, Norfolk, and Mrs Nancy Cowcher, of Shepperton, Surrey, and Caroline Emma, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Stephen Brown, of West Chilton, Sussex, and Mrs Michael Ryan, of Batscombe, London.

**Mr T.S.L. Hollingsworth and Miss L.C. de Borman**  
The engagement is announced between Tom, son of Canon G.F.L. Hollingsworth and the late Mrs P.C.E. Hollingsworth, of Woodbridge, Suffolk, and Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.A.E. de Borman, of Newham, Kent.

**Mr T.S.H. Hook and Miss S. Bridgman**  
The engagement is announced between Timothy, younger son of Squadron Leader and Mrs R.S.H. Hook, of Ince, Devon, and Sally, only daughter of Mr A. Bridgman, of Yousell Park, and Mrs F.B. Bridgman, of Samton Court, Devon.

**Mr G.L. James and Miss C.L. Norman**  
The engagement is announced between Gavin, son of Squadron Leader and Mrs Lyn James, and Caroline, daughter of Rear Admiral and Mrs Anthony Norman, of Upper Swamore, Hampshire.

**Mr N.P. Martin and Miss C. Smith**  
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, elder son of Mrs Carol Martin, of Muswell Hill, London, and Mr John Martin, of Holland Park, and Caroline, youngest daughter of the late Mr and Mrs R.J. Smith, of Margate, Essex, and Bridham, Devon.

**Mr E.S. Oppé and Miss S.A. Travers**  
The engagement is announced between Edward, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Trevor Oppé, of London, SW5, and Sophie, younger daughter of Mr Guy Travers, of Richmond, and Mrs Elizabeth Pennacchiotti, of London, SW5.

**De Hoor M.C.C. Kersten and Miss N.E. Pampiglione**  
The engagement is announced between Michiel, son of De Hoor and Mevrouw G.A. Kersten, of Cotignac, France, and Nadia, daughter of Dr and Mrs G. Pampiglione, of London.

**Mr A.C.R.H. Nightingale and Miss P.H.M. Ward**  
The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of Mr and Mrs Benedict Nightingale, of London, and Peta, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Ward, of London.

**Mr G.J. Pender and Miss J.E. Heslop**  
The engagement is announced between Gregory John, elder son of Mr and Mrs Robin Pender, of Cultercross, Tyne and Wear, and Jane Evelyn, eldest daughter of Mrs Penley Heslop and the late George Heslop, of Newcastle upon Tyne.

**Mr T.P.G. Perutz and Miss M.S. Dusk**  
The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Mr and Mrs G.E.A. Perutz, of Kenilworth, Illinois, and Susanna, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Dusk, of San Diego, California.

**Mr W.J. Radlock and Miss E. Bloom**  
The engagement is announced between William James, younger son of Mr and Mrs Jack Radlock, of Boothby Graffio, Lincoln, and Eleanor, twin daughter of Mrs Celia Bloom, of Wilmoss Road, Manchester.

**Mr R.N. Thompson Jr and Miss S.A.T. Frederick**  
The engagement is announced between Ralph, son of Mr and Mrs Ralph Thompson, of New Bedford, Massachusetts, USA, and Sarah, younger daughter of the Reverend Dr John and Mrs Frederick, of Blechingley, Surrey.

**Mr T.S. Woodward and Miss G.S. Desbaird**  
The engagement is announced between Stewart Trevor, son of Mr and Mrs Trevor Woodward, of Ledsham, Cheshire, and Gillian Sarah, daughter of the late Mr James Burdett, of South Bents, Sunderland.

## OBITUARIES

### DAME PEGGY van PRAAGH

#### Driving force in Australian ballet



Dame Peggy van Praagh, DBE, founder and first director of the Australian Ballet, died in Melbourne on January 15, after a long illness. She was 79.

It is for giving Australia a national company of international standing that she will chiefly be remembered, although her career before leaving England had already ensured her a place in ballet history.

She was born in London on September 1, 1910. Her enthusiasm for dance started at three from seeing a Christmas pantomime, and while still a child she acquired exceptional technical skills (she could perform 100 fouettés on point). But opportunities for English dancers then were few, so she began teaching and by her middle twenties was to become a leading exponent of the Cecchetti style.

Her stage debut was at 19 in a small company formed by Anton Dolin to dance three times a day in variety at the London Coliseum. From 1933 she came to prominence in Marie Rambert's company at the Ballet Club, chiefly in the creations of Antony Tudor, for whom she danced in the premieres of *Jardin aux Lilas* (as the discarded mistress), *Dark Elegies* and *Gala Performance* (the Russian ballerina) among others.

In 1938 she moved to Tudor's new company, the London Ballet. Tudor's success in America during 1939-40 brought van Praagh's first experience of directing. She ran the company jointly with Maude Lloyd and introduced

the revolutionary idea of lunchtime performances during the Blitz. Ninette de Valois then invited her to join the Sadlers Wells Ballet, chiefly as a teacher, but wartime necessity soon brought her leading roles in *Coppelia* and *Les Patineurs*.

When de Valois formed a second company, Sadlers Wells Theatre Ballet, in 1946, van Praagh, as ballet mistress and later assistant director, was largely responsible for developing Cranko and MacMillan as choreographers besides many dancers such as Svetlana Beriosova, Elaine Fildes and David Blair.

In 1955 she left for a freelance career as a producer of modern and classical ballets, a television director and 40 brought van Praagh's first experience of directing. She ran the company jointly with Maude Lloyd and introduced

and was asked to take temporary charge of the Borovansky Ballet in Australia when Edouard Borovansky died.

On the company's closing night she made a speech advocating government support for forming a national company. Somewhat to her surprise, this was agreed on condition that she would return to take charge of it. Within three years of its first rehearsals, the company was able to play Covent Garden for the Commonwealth Arts Festival of 1965 and to appear in the Paris International Dance Festival with Fonteyn and Nureyev as guests.

Van Praagh directed the company from 1962 until 1974, with Sir Robert Helpmann as associate director part of that time. Her policies firmly established a widely based repertoire combining modern works (many by Australian choreographers) with excellent productions of the classics, and her continuing flair for developing dancers brought many strong talents to prominence.

She wrote an informative book for children, *How I Became a Dancer*, and a scholarly study, jointly with Peter Brinson, of *The Art of Choreography*.

She was appointed OBE in 1966 and advanced to DBE in 1970. Among her numerous other honours was the Queen Elizabeth II Coronation Award of the Royal Academy of Dancing in 1965. She was unmarried.

### JULIET BERTO

#### Screen symbol of the spirit of soixante-huit



Juliet Berto, the French actress who played leading roles in Jean-Luc Godard's films *La Chinoise* and *Weekend*, died in Paris on January 10. She was 42 and had been suffering from cancer.

With her slender figure and gaminish good looks (not to mention impeccable working class credentials) she symbolized the free-spirited fervour of the 1968 student revolutionaries, and had the mental equipment and acting talent to bring it to life in the Godard vehicles in which she appeared.

She later gave a fine performance in Jacques Rivette's *Celine and Julie Go Boating* and starred in Joseph Losey's 1976 film *Mr Klein*, with Alain Delon.

But she then turned her back on acting to become a director. This career was tragically cut short by her early death; in consequence she remains in the mind as one of the headier and more picturesque images of the "événements" which shook Paris, Europe and the wider world in 1968.

Juliet Berto was born in Grenoble on January 16, 1947, the daughter of a factory worker, and true to her working class background developed a strong commitment to the political left.

This led her to reject the trappings of the commercial cinema — though her seductive looks could have earned her a lucrative future there — and gave her a natural sympathy with Godard's Marxist-inspired avant-garde.

After a small part in his *Two or Three Things I Know About Her* she appeared opposite Jean-Pierre L  aud and Godard's second wife, Anne Wiazemski, in *La Chinoise*, the study of the creation of a

Maoist student cell which anticipated the events of May, 1968.

In *Weekend*, which used a nightmarish traffic jam as the framework for an apocalyptic vision of a society disintegrating amid violence and cannibalism, Berto and Wiazemski played urban guerrillas.

Her third leading role for Godard was in his experimental television film, *Le Gal Savor*. In a two-hander which sought to recreate cinema "from zero", she played a character named after the Katangan leader, Patrice

Lumumba, with L  aud as Emile Zola.

*Celine and Julie Go Boating* (1974), a semi-improvised piece which abolished conventional narrative, probably saw Berto at her acting peak. But she did much other work of interest during the 1970s, including Rivette's *Duelle* and two films for Alain Tanner, *Retour d'Afrique* and *Le Milieu du Monde*.

Her first film as director was *Neige*, made in 1981, a drama documentary about drug trafficking in the notorious Pigalle district of Paris.

### LADY EVE BALFOUR

#### Creating the concept of organic farming

Lady Eve Balfour, OBE, the farmer who formed the Soil Association and virtually created the concept of organic agriculture, has died at the age of 91.

Lady Evelyn Barbara Balfour was born on July 16, 1898, into a family which included a Prime Minister in the Marquess of Salisbury. Her uncle, A. J. Balfour was also a Prime Minister, her maternal grandfather was the 1st Earl of Lytton and Viceroy of India, and her father, Gerald Balfour, was Chief Secretary for Ireland.

Lady Eve studied agriculture at the University of Reading. Her first practical experience was gained organizing Land Army girls on a farm in the Great War, a job she got only because she revised her age upwards by several years. In 1919, she bought her first farm, in Stowmarket, Suffolk, where she also cut her campaigning teeth, by successfully fighting against the unpopular tithe tax during the 1930s.

It was also during this period that she formulated her beliefs about good husbandry and became increasingly critical of the then prevalent intensification of farming. Her views were outlined in the book *The Living Soil*, now

a classic. This promotes a message which has now become an accepted part of "modern" environmental thinking: the essential links between soil-plant-animal and man, and the need to treat the soil as a living ecosystem to maintain a sustainable agriculture.

Although she was convinced of the benefits of what became known as organic farming, she felt there was still a gap in knowledge of what happened to the soil. Accordingly, with her friend Alice Debenham, she started the Haughley Experiment, a whole farm dedicated to organic farming research, which lasted for 35 years. The Soil Association was formed in 1946, in response to the enormous interest in her book, and to support the Haughley Experiment.

She had not expected to live to see the results. Last year, she said "I knew that these things are cumulative. You've got to go through several generations of plants and animals. But we got some very significant results in 10 or 12 years". Indeed, after many years of being regarded as a crank — others saw her as a crank — others saw her as a crank — she was gratified to see the recent growth in interest in organic agriculture.

This led to her appointment as OBE a couple of weeks ago and news of the first major government funding for organic agriculture, ironically announced the day after she died.

Lady Eve Balfour was dedicated to her cause, but never to the exclusion of other interests. She was a qualified pilot, and an experienced sailor, crewing for her brother's annual voyages to Scandinavia. She successfully co-authored three detective novels and used to play a saxophone in a dance band. She "retired" in 1984, at the age of 85, but continued to cultivate a large organic garden until a stroke incapacitated her three months ago.

A lifetime's dedication to vegetarianism and wholefood did not preclude the occasional indulgence. Just before she died, one of her old friends told of the time Lady Eve was asked to address an earnest group of people about healthy eating. Someone asked her model herself on "me". She replied "I drink gin and tonic and smoke cigarettes. As long as you're good 75 per cent of the time, the remaining 25 per cent will look after itself". She was unmarried.

## SCIENCE REPORT

### Spotted star may be like the Sun in its youth

A bizarre young star in Taurus may reveal what our Sun was like in its youth: covered in dark splotches. This star, known as V410 Tau, has about the same size and mass of the Sun, and its age (about one million years) has been deduced from its size and brightness.

But careful study of the way its brightness changes reveals that it has two enormous dark spots on its surface. It could be that our own Sun, now about 5,000 million years old, had large blotches that shrunk to become the sunspots of today.

This is suggested, albeit tentatively, by W. Herbst, of the Van Vleck Observatory in Middletown, Connecticut, in *The Astronomical Journal* (vol 98, pp 2268-2274).

V410 Tau is about 520 light years from the Earth, and belongs to a group of "variable" stars called T-Tauri stars, whose brightness fluctuates erratically. The variation of V410 Tau, though, is weaker and more regular than that of T-Tauri stars in general. It turns out that the variation is caused by our changing view of the star-spots as the star rotates on its axis once every 45 hours or so.

Herbst is concerned with V410 Tau because measurements of its variation will be of value to astronomers interested in variable stars of all kinds. This kind of information is useful because our

knowledge of many things astronomical — from how stars evolve to the distances to other galaxies — owes much to the patient study of variable stars.

V410 Tau is not, though, an easy target for the casual stargazer: it is always too faint to see with the naked eye but might be glimpsed in a three-inch refracting telescope. Herbst and his colleagues, including a band of dedicated undergraduates, used a 24-inch telescope fitted with sophisticated spectroscopic equipment, allowing accurate measurements of the star's changing brightness.

Herbst suggests that astronomers should look for spots on other stars before they can judge whether V410 Tau is unique, or typical of any young star, such as our Sun not long after its formation.

The link with the Sun comes with the relationship of the star's brightness to its colour. In the early 1960s, Ejnar Hertzsprung, the Danish astronomer, found that the colours and brightnesses of stars were related and could be shown in a graph. Henry Russell, an American, had the same insight in 1913: this graph is known as the Hertzsprung-Russell (or H-R) diagram, in honour of both researchers.

Among other things, the H-R diagram can be used to plot the life story of a star as its

brightness and colour change with age. Stars such as the Sun follow a distinctive track across the diagram, and V410 Tau is in about the same place on the diagram that the Sun occupied in its youth. Hence the connection.

Hertzsprung went on to work on another class of star called Cepheid variables. The archetype of the group is Delta Cephei, recognized as a variable as long ago as 1784. Since then, around 700 have been found in our Galaxy alone: even the familiar Pole Star is a Cepheid variable. They were also found in other galaxies, although astronomers at the time thought that these galaxies were simply clouds of nebulae within our own Galaxy, which were thought to be alone in the Universe.

By 1912, Henrietta Leavitt, of Harvard, showed that the pulse of each Cepheid variable was related to its apparent brightness. Hertzsprung used this property to estimate the distances of Cepheids in various nebulae, thus paving the way for the realization that some of these nebulae were distant enough to constitute galaxies distinct from our own. This story shows how variable stars have been used to shape our view of the Universe.

Henry Gee

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## University news

**Newcastle**  
Dr L. Donaldson, honorary lecturer, has been appointed to an honorary professorship in the field of applied epidemiology from last October.

Dr Nicholas Bateman, senior lecturer, promoted to a personal readership in therapeutics from last August.

Dr David Toms, lecturer, promoted to a personal readership in mathematical physics from last August.

Dr John McCabe, senior lecturer, has been promoted to a personal readership in dental materials science from August 1989.

**Loughborough**  
The university attracted research funds of nearly £5 million during the six-month period ending 31 July 1989. These included:  
Professor D.S. Campbell, £225,000 from the Ministry of Science and Technology for research on composites/robotics.  
Mr A. Hodgson and Professor R. W. Westwood, £25,000 from the Engineering Research Council for research on the design of a new type of aircraft engine.  
Mr A. Bryman and Professor A. L. Edwards, £106,780 from the Science Research Council for research on the design of a new type of aircraft engine.

**Appointments**  
Mr Justice Leggatt to be a Lord Justice of Appeal from January 30.  
Miss Monique Sylvaine Viner, QC, to be a circuit judge, assigned to the South Eastern Circuit.  
Other appointments include:  
Mr Humphrey Lytton to be President of the Society for the Study of the History of the Law in the late Dr David Marchioness of Cholmondeley.

**Anniversaries**  
**BIRTHS:** Leonard Fuchs, physician and botanist, Weinheim, Germany, 1901; Pedro Calder  n de la Barca, dramatist and poet, Madrid, 1600; Benjamin Franklin, statesman, scientist and printer, Boston, Massachusetts, 1706; George Lyttelton, 1st Baron Lytton, statesman, historian and poet, Hagley, Worcestershire, 1709; Vittorio Alfieri, poet, Piedmont, Italy, 1749; Sir James Hall, geologist, Dunglass, Lothian, 1761; Charles Kenn, actor, Waterford, Co. Waterford, 1811; August Weismann, geneticist, Frankfurt am Main, 1834; David Lloyd George, 1st Earl Lloyd of Dwyfor, prime minister 1916-22; Manchester, 1863; Sir George Mackenzie, novelist, West Harwood, 1883; Ronald Firbank, novelist, London, 1886.  
**DEATHS:** John Ray, naturalist, Black-Notley, Essex, 1705; Robert B. Hay, 19th president of the USA 1877-81, Fremont, Ohio, 1893; Frederick William Myers, poet and co-founder of the Society of Psychological Research, Rome, 1901; Sir Francis Galton, explorer and anthropologist, Haslemere, Surrey, 1911; T. H. White, novelist, Piraeus, Greece, 1964.

**Caring computer**  
Mr Nicholas Scott, Minister for Social Security, yesterday launched Caresearch, a nationwide computer service to help families and social workers find appropriate residential care for people with mental handicaps. The scheme has been organized by the charity, United Response.  
The Minister said that technology had greatly improved the lives of many disabled people and the prospects for the future were unlimited.

**Latest wills**  
Mr Laurence Moore, of Roundhay, West Yorkshire, the first member of the Imperial Camel Corps to encounter T. E. Lawrence, left estate valued at £487,542 net. He left his badges, photographs, books and papers to the Army Museum's Ogilby Trust.  
Mr Percy Roy Rupert Stocks, of Bowdon, Greater Manchester, left estate valued at £1,352,559 net.  
Miss Valerie Zibah Walsley, of Haslemere, Surrey, left estate valued at £971,026 net.

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## THE ARTS

### Where is the news, exactly?

TELEVISION  
Sheridan Morley

Once or twice in every television season, a series comes along which is so splendidly terrible from the outset that it becomes compulsive viewing. One such is clearly going to be *Making News*, which opened last night on ITV. From the same Thames stable as *Capital City*, and in the same time-slot, it, too, exemplifies the new-found American serial ethic that five bad plots told simultaneously are a lot more fun than one. This belief has sustained *Bronx Zoo* and *thirty-something* and all those other multi-stranded sagas that drift like fog over the Atlantic into the still watches of the night.

This one, owing vague debts to *Law & Order* and *The Front Page*, but in reality a lot more like the appalling *Studio 54*, concerns a television news station and the men and women who make their living before or behind its cameras. Last night's opener gave us interviews with a bristling tennis champion not a million miles from McEnroe, a vanishing murderer and an escaping convict. These were conducted in a breathless, half-finished, soap-opera style which allowed actors to utter lines such as "I'm an editor, not God Almighty," and "Get me explosive people" with their tongues so far into their cheeks as to make them virtually invisible.

One or two tricks were missed by Michael Aitken's initial script. The lady on the horse in Australia, whom I had decided was the missing murderer in drag, turned out merely to be a lady on a horse in Australia. Next week we are promised a script about Hungary of such simplicity that it has already had to be updated. Given the political and journalistic standards of the opening episode, I can hardly wait to see what the blow-dried and brain-dead news-gatherers will make of Communism in crisis.

Talking of that, last night also saw the start of the main offering in the marathon Soviet season on ITV and Channel 4, *Heidi, Do You Hear Us?* was the first of a five-part series spread across both channels. In it the Latvian director Yuris Podnieks plans to trace the mood of his contemporaries, through (if the first episode was anything to go by) a free-wheeling collection of interviews, archive clips and moody slow-motion.

Everything from Chernobyl to the Armenian earthquake and back to *Batistka Potemkin* was thrown in, but at the end of the hour I felt I knew even less than I had before about a vastly complex tapestry.

Over on Channel 4, however, the season continued with *Joseph Brodsky: Maddening Space*—Lawrence Pritchard's infinitely more disciplined and coherent account of the exiled life of the Nobel Prize-winning writer who regards himself as a Russian poet, an American citizen and an English essayist. Jason Roberts's narration wonderfully evoked the present life and past tragedies of Brodsky. The programme confirmed that documentaries really do work best when they have strict beginnings, middles and ends.

# Crystal-clear symbols

Jim McCue reflects on the glories of two recent windows by Laurence Whistler, Britain's most eminent engraver on glass

Laurence Whistler says that all of his glass engravings for churches are symbolic, and he is deliberate and clear about the meanings intended. Such an engraving may have elements with local or personal significance, but it must also express a public, sacred message appropriate to the character of what Whistler has called "that supererogatory, strictly useless room".

Since 1955, when he installed the first of 14 engraved windows into the church at Moreton in Dorset, Whistler has engraved about 40 windows and panels for churches. Most have been for parish churches, although he also has work in Salisbury Cathedral (with which he has strong family ties) and Sherborne Abbey.

With luck there may soon be enough new engravings to fill a sixth volume in the beautiful series of books, begun almost 40 years ago, of which the last published is *Scenes and Signs on Glass* (1985).

His two most recent church windows are both memorials, and both depict family houses in the respective, neighbouring parishes of Hannington and Wootton St Lawrence, near Basingstoke. As a boy, Whistler delighted in drawing buildings, and he later became an architectural historian. From St Paul's in the Blitz and the rooftops of Oxford by moonlight to modest private cottages, buildings have frequently appeared in his engravings, and the detail has always been the obduracy of his medium.

But the life of a house makes it a home, and each of the two recent windows shows growth and abundance. The affirmative symbolism subsumes the personal references, yet is informed by Whistler's own understanding of the good in life, our fleeting good luck.

The window at Hannington was commissioned by the Hon. Christopher Hodson, to celebrate a happy marriage and to commemorate his wife Rose. A rose breaks from her bedroom window at Stoney Hall, and becomes entwined with a vine from the chimney to form a cross, representing the true vine of the Gospel.

The aspiration towards Heaven is rooted at home on earth, and the hope that what is good on earth is a reflection of Heaven is expressed in the quotation from *Paradise Lost*: "What if Earth / Be but the shadow of Heaven and things therein / Each to other like?"

This engraving, in the south sanctuary window, joins another in the church, installed in 1979, in memory of a farmer, William

Whistler, who is believed to have been a distant relative of the engraver.

The theme of the memorial diptych engraved for Wootton St Lawrence is "the ambiguity of life on earth, with its happiness and suffering, glory and desolation held in balance". The left-hand light shows in silhouette the undifferentiated bulk of a yew tree, "for the blankness of bereavement". The tree is clear, unengraved glass, but to exist it must be outlined, and by giving it incandescent tips, Whistler makes it stand also for eternal life, a light beyond death that we may sense but not look upon.

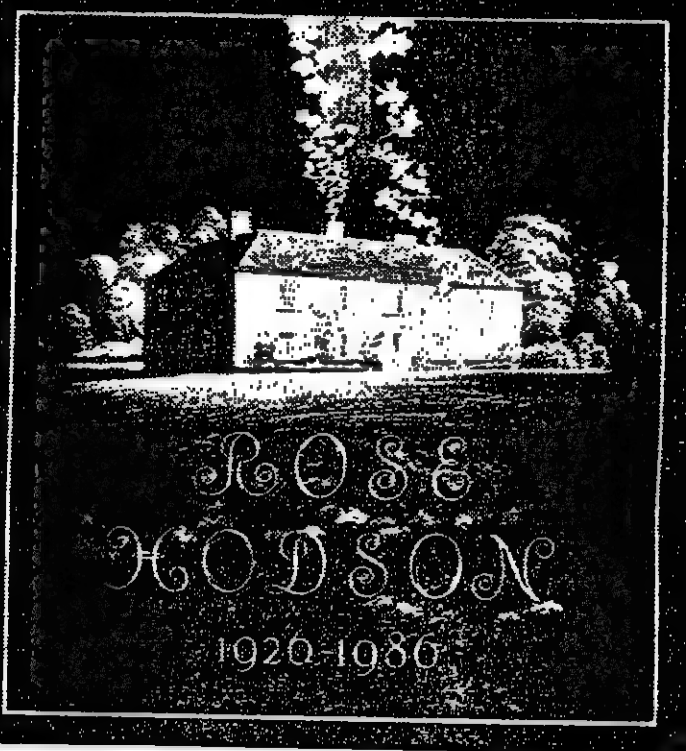
In the right-hand light, the tulip-tree flowers luxuriantly upwards in celebration of life on earth. This tree also has a personal significance, for it is derived from one planted by Whistler's grandfather, the Rev. Charles Ward, who was vicar of the parish for 32 years.

Unfortunately, just as the panes at Wootton were about to be installed, one cracked, and the work had to be repeated.

As well as inscribing pictures, a glass-engraver, unlike a painter or etcher, is obliged to use the ambiguity of the medium. Whistler's engravings should be seen against a dark background, so that the transparent areas appear dark, while the non-transparent engraving catches the light and becomes translucent. Accordingly, many of his finest engravings have depended upon inscribing "scenes and signs" which make play with light. He once wrote about being stimulated by emblems of "suns, moons, lamps, rainbows, stars, candles, and meteors" in pictures from a book, because the sources and effects of light are the best themes for engraving on glass. Picked out in tiny glints, their essence is more than depicted, it is reproduced.

The medium imposes a constant concern with light, which either shines apparently from within the engravings or streams through, making them invisible. This is true of the bowls, goblets and prisms he engraves, but is particularly important in the case of church windows, which are lit by an inconstant, diurnal source.

The engravings may vanish as the sun moves, for as Whistler says, they are "composed more of nothing than of something, more of gap than of scratch". Whereas a stained-glass window must be a whole "canvas" — replete if only with background colour — an engraving, with its somewhat ghostly effect, is less explicit, more suggestive, and must leave part of the area untouched.



Rose Hodson's window: by Laurence Whistler, at Hannington, Hants

### I won't dance

John Percival reveals new developments in the dispute between Rudolf Nureyev and the management of the Paris Opéra Ballet

Trouble has blown up again for the Ballet of the Paris Opéra. Rudolf Nureyev, who agreed last November to accept a new appointment as principal choreographer, has refused to sign the draft contract sent to him because it contains an unexpected and unprecedented clause that he should have no say in the casting of his productions. In protest, he has threatened to withdraw all his works, including the three Tchaikovsky ballets, the two big Prokofiev ballets, and two other classics, *Roméo et Juliette* and *Don Quixote*.

To add to the company's problems, an intended tour of Russia has fallen through, leaving them with no performances until April, while their own theatre is occupied by visiting companies. Also, the appointment of a new director (confidently promised before the end of December) has not yet been made.

The effect on this season's schedules, if Nureyev's productions were withdrawn, would be disastrous. When the season resumes in April, his *Swan Lake* and a new *Ballet de la nuit* are due to provide about three in every five



Nureyev: new contract unsatisfactory. The only other programmes announced are: a production by Roland Petit (who has not yet said what it will be) and an evening by American modern choreographers, including Mark Cunningham, Paul Taylor and Mark Morris.

The dancers, accustomed to a repertoire including many demanding big classic productions, would not be happy without them. But, with funds needed to start up the new Bastille opera house, resources for replacing the classics at the old opera house are likely to be limited.

### Table-top commedia

THEATRE  
Jeremy Kingston

L'antiparnasso  
Shaw

The twelfth London Mime Festival kicks off with a madrigal comic opera composed in 1597 by Orazio Vecchi, a quarrelsome native of Modena whose works have not previously come my way.

I am not competent to judge the niceties of its music, scored for five voices, but since the singers are dressed as waiters in an Italian restaurant, and the action takes place on a huge checked tablecloth between giant cutlery and cruets, you will gather that the event is more than your ordinary madrigal recital.

The presenting company is Trestle Theatre, whose work last year was *Ties that Bind*, a hauntingly powerful story of a schoolgirl sexually abused by her father. The actors were full-faced masks moulded into exaggerated but fixed expressions, and the subtleties that could nevertheless be conveyed through them were a revelation.

*The Slopes of Parnassus*, as their new show's title translates, has the very different intention of being no more than entertainment. The original commedia dell'arte characters have been brought smack up to date but in their new guises still enact the old emotions of jealousy, despair and rapture detailed by the libretto.

The evening's enjoyment is twofold: admiring the sensitive use of the masks, and laughing at the tricks the production plays with the scaled-up crockery and food.

It begins with the laying of the table, one waiter dragging on the knife, another staggering under the burden of the pepperpot; then with a flourish the menu is

opened, through a door in which the proprietor, Parnassus, bustles in to inspect the table.

The other characters are a pair of shy lovers, a prankster-younger couple, who buzz in and out on a bike, and a modern version of the boozing Captain. This last character first appears as Tom Jones and then as Gary Glitter, finally being driven from the stage under a bombardment of revoli cushions.

The jokey use of scale means that a despairing lover can take a suicide leap from the top of the menu and his stricken beloved can try to impale herself on the tines of the fork. There is a lot of this sort of fun, but where the evening departs widely from the spirit of commedia is in its speed.

Trestle's type of mime is typically slow-moving in the way it builds its effects, and it is a mistake to make gaps between the items coincide with gaps in the singing.

Longueurs apart, the festival has got off to a bright start, and the sight of Alan Riley treating a slice of melon as a gondola is a joyful moment.



Trestle mask: fixed expression

TOMORROW  
Sondheim at Oxford,  
Théâtre de Complicité,  
and Geoff Brown on  
A Dry White Season  
and the other new films

### Pleasing pick-and-mix premiere

CONCERT

Stephen Pettitt

BCMG/Harrison  
Adrian Boult Hall,  
Birmingham

Jonathan Lloyd's Fifth Symphony, given its world premiere by the Birmingham Contemporary Music Group on Sunday, is a fairly useful kind of piece for any composer to have up his sleeve.

Contrary to the implications of its title, the work is relatively short and scored for the economical *Pierrot Lunaire*-based ensemble of violin (doubling viola), cello, flute (doubling piccolo), clarinet and piano, with a quantity of percussion added for good measure.

It can also be consumed in two different ways. Either you take it as it is, or (once Lloyd has finished his Sixth Symphony) you will be able to listen to it as the middle movement of a "macro-symphony" consisting of the three symphonies from number four onwards.

I suspect that it is as a central movement that the symphony works better, for it seems to imply a wider context, another beginning and another, more fulfilled, end. Nevertheless as it stands it is an intriguing thing, though sometimes annoying in the way it

repeats short, naive melodic cells ad infinitum.

Perhaps this is a deliberate tongue-in-cheek message to those who would claim that new music offers little for an average listener to grasp hold of easily. If so, however, it is also surely a pertinent demonstration to minimalists — the evening included the dull rituals of Steve Reich's *Vermont Counterpoint* in its incarnation for live and taped flute (Colin Lilley) as well as Michael Tilson Thomas's *The Yellow Pages* — that you can make something substantial out of very little.

That soon becomes evident with the emergence of genuinely developmental passages, of

greater continuity and tenaciously purposeful counterpoint, of sustained lyrical lines and neurotic, desperate climaxes. Lloyd explains the Symphony as a constant sequence of shifting towards and away from a common musical material. In essence it is a re-interpretation of the classic symphonic principles, where contrast leads to argument which leads to an attempt at resolution.

It was given with glistering confidence by the BCMG under the direction of Jonty Harrison, and came at the end of an otherwise conspicuously lightweight first half, which besides Reich and Torke included Sir Peter Maxwell Davies's still deliciously naughty versions of Purcell's *Fantasia upon a Ground*, with its over-strident harmonics, and two Pavans turned into over-sentimental fox trots. These were equally brilliantly done, as, in rather more determined way, was Webern's transcription for the *Pierrot* ensemble of Schoenberg's First Chamber Symphony.

### Eric suits himself

ROCK

Michael Gray

Eric Clapton  
NEC, Birmingham

Eric Clapton is a complex man — or, expressed in the terms his image encourages, he is an odd bloke, old Eric. He can be the reverent curator of the Robert Johnson legacy, but he can equally be the wily old music-biz "miladdo", all Cockneys and self-congratulation.

He can blend into a businessmen's luncheon-club binge on equal terms with a bunch of overgrown wide-boys, as if OK, rock 'n' roll's his game, but it could just as well be kiss-me-quick hats or frozen food. And yet he can talk, not just respectfully but with succinct crucial acumen, about his own generation's most gifted musicians (of Bob Dylan, at the Isle of Wight: "He was being Hank Williams."). And while, in interviews, Clapton has often talked about what he currently calls his "chaotic" personal life in a way most celebrities would feel was recklessly unguarded, he can step

on to the public stage to sing and play guitar — and keep it oddly impersonal throughout.

This is how it was at Birmingham's NEC Arena on Monday night. With his smallest-possible band — drums, bass, and keyboards — Clapton played long and loud, touching bases from Robert Johnson to Stevie Wonder, from Cream's "White Room" to his own latest US-chart-topping LP, *Journeyman* and from Bo Diddley to "I Shot The Sheriff" via "Layla".

Only at rare moments did Clapton drop his guard on stage: he was, instead, the man in the Armani suit, the solidly reliable golden pro, with the weight of big-career realism on his shoulders, putting a gulf between himself and his adoring crowd. It felt as if Clapton was up there to keep this great machinery on the road — these teams of people, these road-crawlers, and record company staff, these technicians and accountants, agents and lawyers, hairdressers and journalists — and not, as it should feel, as if the juggernaut were there to put the artist on the stage. However his guitar might burn, nothing unpredictable, risky, or truly of the moment was going to happen.



Eric Clapton: complex character

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## WEDNESDAY PAGE



Hats off to the revolution: five of the adopted Romanian children waiting to fly from Bucharest to Paris; for the time being, though, the new authorities say there will be no more adoptions

# Taking small liberties

Behind the story of the Romanian children flown to France is a remarkable adoption policy: one 'orphan' is now living with a 64-year-old mother. Susan MacDonald reports

The emotional scenes at the airport in Paris 10 days ago had even the hardened security guards in tears. It was difficult, in fact, not to be moved by the sight of 62 tiny Romanian children arriving, wide-eyed and bewildered, to be hugged and kissed by their new adoptive families, some of whom had waited more than four years for this moment.

Now — without the benefit of a common language — the families have begun the slow process of introducing the children to their new life. "She plays, she sings, she dances," says Pierre Labrosse, overcome with emotion that three-year-old Laure has really arrived — she was three months old when the Labrosses first asked to adopt her.

The Host family are well aware of the adaptation difficulties. "She will observe us for a few days to see how far she can go," says Genevieve Host, speaking of four-year-old Verne, whom they legally adopted three years ago but who has had to wait until now to join her older sister, Marius, also adopted in Romania.

Until 1987 Romania was a favourite choice for French families wishing to adopt a foreign child. According to a spokeswoman for the Mission Internationale d'Adoption, based in Paris, not only was there a plentiful supply of children but, unlike other countries with children to adopt, it was possible to go to Romania to choose your own child from the orphanage.

Adoption procedures in France are taken case by case. The only requirement for couples applying to adopt either in France or abroad, according to the mission, is that they should have been married five years or be over 30 years old. There is no upper age limit for adoption, and children can be adopted by unmarried couples living together if just one of the partners applies.

The oldest child among the 62 arrivals is eight-year-old Roxana, who was adopted by Philippe and Marie-Jo Chablin. The Chabins have made 11 trips to Romania to see her over the past three years, selling their car to pay the fares. Philippe Chablin twice went on hunger strike to put pressure on the Ceausescu regime.

The oldest adult among the parents finally united with their adopted children is 64-year-old Gaby Janin. Janin has two children of her own, but thought she would like to adopt another. She had to wait three years for Violaine, now aged four, to be allowed to leave.

Last year 971 foreign children were adopted by French families, of whom more than half came from Brazil, often through unofficial channels. Although the Romanian children have lived in the equivalent of orphanages since birth, few are, in fact, orphans. Most were handed over to the state by mothers too poor to keep them.

The adoption procedure used to take around a year to complete once all the papers had been collected. A spokeswoman for France's Ministry for the Family said a fee of between \$600 and \$1,000 had to be handed over for administration expenses, although she insisted that there had been no question of "buying" the children. But the facility of foreign adoptions ended in 1987, when Ceausescu refused to let those children already adopted by foreigners — mainly French and Italian — leave Romania. Around 200 French families found themselves in a political tug-of-war. The children were being used by the

Ceausescu regime to obtain concessions from France, which became determined to protect the families' interests.

It was a refined form of torture for the would-be parents, as one father describes it now. They were not allowed to claim their adopted children but, bringing in valuable foreign currency and food, clothing

## The most serious illness among the orphanage children was reported to be frostbite

and medicine for the orphanage, they were allowed to continue to visit Orphanage No 1 in Bucharest, where children adopted by foreigners were kept in long lines of cots with, according to some parents, little handkerchiefs attached to the sides.

Elena Ceausescu took a personal interest in the 718 children in this orphanage, and, according to a nurse there, conditions were slightly better than in others. The director of another orphanage, Tizita Batezatu, when asked recently what was the most serious illness among her 226 children, replied: "Frostbite." In Orphanage No 1, say the French families, the temperature was not supposed to fall below 14°C, but in others, they reported, there were times when wet nappies froze on the children.

In 1988, Ceausescu went a stage further and banned the visits as well, although 60 children out of the 200 waiting were allowed to fly to France when a series of commercial contracts was signed between France and Romania that year. Hopes of ever seeing their children again were further dashed when both President Mitterrand and Prime Minister Michel Rocard publicly denounced the Romanian regime early last year.

As time dragged on, some families renounced their claims, others were informed that their children had died or contracted serious illnesses, but a hard core struggled on, pushing their case under the noses of politicians and into the newspapers whenever possible.

Then came unexpected hope with the startling news of December and the execution of the dictator and his wife. The French government moved swiftly. It obtained the agreement of the new Romanian authorities that children who had already been legally adopted could leave the country, but the Romanians made it clear that no new requests for adoption would be considered at present.

A charter plane was organized by the French Foreign Ministry. Along with French government officials, one parent from each of the families concerned was on the plane that flew to Bucharest-Otopeni airport on January 6 in the hope of picking up the children. But for six of those on board it was a moment of cruel disappointment. They learnt on arrival that their adopted children had been taken back by their original parents, following a move

by the Romanian authorities to find the real families of all children concerned, in case they had changed their minds following the revolution. "I am very pleased for my child and his family," said Claude Vidal, standing alone with tears streaming down his face.

For the lucky ones, after heart-stopping last-minute hitches, 62 children were released from Bucharest's Orphanage No 1 into the care of the French consul, who handed them over to their adoptive parents, together with a new Romanian passport for each child on which the ink was still wet.

The first reaction of the parents was to strip the children of their orphanage clothing and dress them in the new clothes they had brought with them to Bucharest, so that, hugging teddy-bears and dolls, the toddlers arriving in Paris looked like little bundles of colourful winter clothing.

Some disappointed parents are still waiting for the 15 adopted children for whom legalities were not completed in time for them to join the flight out of Romania. However, the French government says that these children will be allowed to come to France in the near future. But the thoughts of Vincent Veyradier, who brought three-year-old Alexandre from Bucharest after a three-year wait, are with those children who will remain in Romanian orphanages. He plans in March to drive a truck to Bucharest filled with 35 tons of clothing and medicine.

François Massot, National Assembly deputy and president of the France-Romania Friendship Society, says he has been told in Romania that, once these last adoption cases have been sorted out, there will be no more. "The new Romanian authorities do not want to hear any more about abandoned Romanian babies being adopted by foreigners," he says.

## Anxiety all sewn up

As the ambulance dispute deepens, the Health Secretary's wife knows how to stay calm — and she wins prizes for it

While the Health Secretary, Kenneth Clarke, wrestles with the pay claim of 22,500 ambulance staff, hostile public opinion and a baying Parliament, plus the controversial National Health Service reforms, his wife soothes her anxieties with an old and traditional balm for the mind. Gillian Clarke, who met Kenneth while studying medieval history at Cambridge, is a highly accomplished maker of patchwork and appliqué quilts and hangings.

In the couple's Nottingham home, two large and particularly lovely hangings dominate the wall space. They represent "The Labours of the Months" — 12 panels based on medieval manuscripts — and won her the hand-appliqué prize at the 1988 National Patchwork Championships, and the 1989 Quilts UK crystal bowl.

Sewing, she says, is the perfect remedy for anxiety and the ideal way to pass the evening.

She took up quilting 13 years ago when convalescing after an operation — her first effort, a bedspread made from hexagons, is still on the Clarke's bed. Her other interest is wildflower photography; while she looks for rare specimens, her husband joins her for bird-watching.

Is her husband's tough public image at odds with the private man? "The reason he's firm with the ambulance men is that he has the whole of the health service to consider," Mrs Clarke says loyally. "To be inappropriately generous to one group means cuts elsewhere. I would say he's firm for a cause he believes in, and

in this case he's being firm for the good of the whole NHS, which he has very much at heart."

She pauses to stress that her thoughts are not official comment. "I'm a concerned member of the public, with perhaps a little bit more inside information than anyone else — or perhaps I've been

listening more carefully to what Ken has been saying. "Kenneth has said if he had to produce his plans for privatizing the National Health Service there would be a blank sheet of paper. It amazes me that people can say the ultimate aim of reforms is to privatize the health service. That's not true — his aim is to devote more resources to patient care."

The Clarke's youngest child, Susan, a student nurse aged 20, will soon marry, hence her mother's current task: a traditional wedding quilt, complete with hearts, love apples and flowers.

Christine Webb

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## Good on yer, mate

Charles Brenner, our New York correspondent, has just made his first return trip to Australia in 20 years. In *The Times* on Saturday he reports on what he found: the new realism and the old charm, the friendly Aussie as portrayed in *Crocodile Dundee* and the sombre mood after Alan Bond's tribulations.

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## Read all about it

1990 is International Literacy Year, and tomorrow the Dyslexia Awareness Campaign will be launched at a press conference hosted by the architect Richard Rogers. He is one of many notable dyslexics who feature in Susan Hampshire's new book, *Every Letter Counts* (Bantam Press, £13.95), to be published next week to coincide with the beginning of the three-week campaign. The letters of the title are those Hampshire has received over the years from dyslexics telling her how they surmounted the problem, and the book includes interviews with Rogers, Beryl Reid, Jackie Stewart, Felicity Kendal and Michael Heseltine. During the campaign branches of W.H. Smith, Waterstones and Sherratt and Hughes will be offering information, as will libraries, Citizens' Advice Bureaux, Job Centres and careers offices — and the television series *Brookside* is already using dyslexia as a storyline.

## Silver service

Napoleon's lavish silver gilt dinner service and some other, more practical items will be on display at the 1990 International Silver and Jewellery Fair and Seminar, at the Park Lane Hotel from February 9 to 12 (11am-8pm, admission £5). Lectures, beginning with Diana Scarisbrick on "ancestral jewels", must be booked separately.

## BRIEFLY

A round-up of news, views and information

Model Agents (AMA) to produce a code of practice. It stipulates everything from the time a young model should arrive to payment for travel time and fees for auditions. "Start and finish times and periods of working shall conform to the legal requirements," it says — going on to list these in detail. A copy of the code is given automatically to all children signed up by the agencies above. For a copy, send a large SAE and cheque/postal order for £1.50 to the Association of Model Agents, The Clockhouse, St Catherine's Mews, Milner Street, London SW3 2PX.

## Model children

Despite detailed licensing laws for child performers, there have been no rules governing working practices for child models engaged in still photography — an omission which was worrying some model agencies. So three of them — Elisabeth Smith, Norrie Carr and Tiny Tots — have got together under the aegis of the Association of

## Quote me...

"We have agreed. Only the time and place have to be set."

Jerry Hall, confirming that she and Mick Jagger are to marry

Victoria McKee

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# In search of the real Hess

**TELEVISION CHOICE**  
**Peter Waymark**

Everyone likes a conspiracy theory and it is a fair bet that for many years yet people will be trying to establish whether President Kennedy was assassinated by the Mafia or whether the demise of Marilyn Monroe was a plot by the CIA. I would rather see the case of Rudolf Hess hold the same fascination and somewhat the same notoriety as the Kennedy assassination. I think that Timewatch (BBC2, 10.10pm) effectively closes the file. It is a well and excellent documentary, scrupulously assembled and a model of clarity. The starting point is the proposition that the man who died in Spandau was not the ranting deputy of Adolf Hitler and therefore not the person who fled to Scotland in 1941 to seek a negotiated peace with Britain. This extraordinary claim comes from Hugh Thomas, a consultant surgeon who examined the Spandau Hess and failed to find evidence of the chest wound



Christopher Andrew examines the

Christopher Andrew examines the case of Rudolf Hess (BBC2, 8.10pm) sustained by the real Hess as a soldier in the First World War. From this he erects a theory that the flight of a bogus Hess to Poland was part of a plot between the Nazi regime and appeasers in Britain. Thomas also contends that the death of Hess, or whoever was impersonating him in Spandau, was not suicide but murder, designed to ensure that the conspiracy was never revealed. With Christopher Andrew as guide, *Time-Space* puts the Thomas thesis to the test by interviewing Hess's wife and son and by collating in excess of 600 newspaper and photographic images of Hess before and after 1933. The programme also digs out the medical records, kept in Bavaria, which relate to the central matter of the chest surgery.

QED, My Best Friend's a Computer (ABC, 9.30pm) is a lively look at the effects on children of addiction to the electronic keyboard. Whether it is the computer in the classroom or computer games at home, there appears to be cause for concern. Those who thought that computer games were a brief craze, such as Rubik's Cube, will be disabused by the example of 13-year-old Charles who spends 30 hours a week on them. An American expert, Professor Sherry Turkle, reckons that for boys in particular the machine is replacing human relationships at a crucial stage. Research in this country suggests that computer dependency can continue into adulthood, affecting intelligent middle-class men who as youngsters had been denied the affection of loving parents.

## SATELLITE

**SKY ONE**

**5.00am** Sky News **5.30** European Business Channel **6.00** DJ Kat **8.30** P4  
**Pot Pourri 10.00** The Sullivans **10.30**  
**Sky By Day 11.30** A Problem Shared 1.  
**Another World 12.55pm** General Hospital **1.50** As the World Turns **2.45**  
**Loving 3.15** The Young Doctors **3.45**  
**Corrinna Cavanaugh 4.00** Plastic Man **4.30**

The New Leave It To Beaver Show 5.00  
Sky Star Search 6.00 The New Price Is  
Right 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 He  
Dad 7.30 Mr Belvedere 8.00 Downtow  
8.00 Falcon Crest 10.00 Jameson  
11.00 Sky News 11.30 Sara

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**SKY NEWS**

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News on the hour.

3.00am World business report 3.30  
European Business Channel 6.00 World  
Business Report 10.30 Frank Bough  
11.30 World Business Report 12.30pm  
NBC Today 1.30 NBC Today 2.30  
Parliament Live 1.15 Question Time Live  
2.30 Parliament Live 4.30 Beyond 2000  
5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Beyond 2000 7.30  
The Reporters 8.30 Frank Bough 9.30  
Newsline 10.30 The Reporters 11.30pm  
Nightly News 12.30am Frank Bough  
1.30am 2.30am Tan Ramsden 1.30

**SKY MOVIES**

From 5.00pm *The Satellite Shop*  
2.00pm *Juvv*: When a 10-year-old girl's father dies, she begins a decline into juvenile delinquency  
3.00pm *Dusty*: Episode 12 of the Australian drama  
4.00pm *A Billion for Boris*: A newly-

repaired television begins broadcasting day ahead of time  
**6.00** *Romeo Are for the Rich* (1987): Autumn (Lisa Hartman) avenges her husband's death  
**7.40** *Entertainment Tonight*  
**8.00** *Bad Medicine* (1985): Steve Gutenberg as an inept trainee doctor  
**10.00** *Invasion USA* (1985): Chuck Norris defends the United States from a Communist threat  
**11.45** *The Delta Force* (1986): Chuck

**2.00am Missing in Action 2: The Beginning (1984).** Chuck Norris is incarcerated in a Vietnamese POW camp.

**4.00 The Butterfly Revolution (1995):** A revolt in a summer camp takes on sinister overtones when a renegade counsellor takes charge. Ends at **5.30am**

**EUROSPORT**

**5.00am** World Business Report **5.30**  
European Business Channel **6.00** DJ Kr  
**8.30** Menu **9.00** Australian Open Tennis  
**11.00** Eurosport – What It Week **12.04**  
Snooker Championships **1.00pm** WWF  
Superstars of Wrestling **2.00** Curling **3.**  
US Skis Golf **5.00** Australian Open  
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PRICE ☐

### Peter Davalle

● Last week, it was *The Tempest*. Tonight (Radio 4, 8.45), it's *Othello*. Shakespeare at the RSC has presenter Linda Cookson doing an effective PR job on behalf of the company that owns everything to the Bard.

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director Trevor Nunn's backslapping of both his Othello (Willard White) and his Iago (Ian McKellen), and for McKellen's backslapping of White. It would all have been a bit much without Nunn's insights into the play's en-

McKellen's intelligent analysis of the problems the play's language poses for actors. ● In the final instalment of James Hamilton-Paterson's *Gerontius* (Radio 4, LW 11.00am), a jaded Elgar finds

Amazon. I have much enjoyed this highly romanized theory arising about the reasons why the composer devoted much of his final decade to conducting and recording. And who knows: it is just possible that William Paterson might

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THE POUND

US dollar  
1.5552 (-0.0088)  
W Germany mark  
2.9073 (-0.0073)  
Exchange Index  
88.3 (-0.2)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share  
1875.7 (-21.2)  
FT-SE 100  
2349.1 (-17.1)  
USM (Datastream)  
157.19 (+0.28)  
Market report, page 26

Inquiry call  
at B Land

SG Warburg, adviser to British Land, has called for a Stock Exchange inquiry into the sharp rise in Land shares. They started 37p after a report on the breakfast TV programme *Business Daily* had suggested that a bid was likely. They closed 17p up at 405p, against the market, valuing the company at £911 million.

Eurotherm up

Eurotherm has reported an 11 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £17.6 million for the year to October. Earnings per share were 12 pence up at 26.4p. The final rise 18 pence to 4.55p, leaving the total up at 6.3p. *Times*, page 22

Empire loss

Empire Stores, the Bradford-based mail order group, plunged £1.73 million into the red in the half year to November 11. There is no interim dividend. Mr Martin May-Smith, takes over as chairman in September on the retirement of Mr John Gratwick. *Times*, page 22

STOCK MARKETS

New York	2888.84 (-0.43)
Dow Jones	2888.84 (-0.43)
Nikkei Average	3860.36 (-88.41)
Hong Kong	2751.79 (-34.90)
Amsterdam	113.4 (-2.2)
S&P 500	1675.4 (-6.3)
Frankfurt DAX	1785.63 (-2.33)
Brussels	6489.81 (-38.40)
Geneva	534.9 (-1.2)
Paris CAC	611.8 (-10.5)
Zurich S&K Gen	611.8 (-10.5)
London	1175.84 (-8.53)
FT-30	1875.7 (-21.2)
FT-100	2349.1 (-17.1)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RIBES	580p (+20p)
SA Breweries	580p (+20p)
Body Shop	580p (+20p)
Borden	580p (+20p)
Microfilm	580p (+20p)
British Land	405p (+17p)
Hunterprint	190p (+25p)
Dent & Newman	750p (+25p)

FALLS

Henderson Admin	795p (-30p)
Rascal Telecom	358p (-12p)
News Corp	6275p (-25p)
English China Clay	434p (-17p)
Eurotunnel Units	620p (-15p)
Euro Disney	936p (-18p)
Grand Met	6145p (-11p)
Guinness	6435p (-10p)
Wellcome	7577p (-22p)
S Miller	1711p (-25p)
RMC Group	7034p (-15p)

CLOSING PRICES

Bangladesh	28331
SEAQ Volume	480.7m

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	15%
3-month Interbank	15 1/2-15 3/4%
3-month eligible bills	14 1/2-14 3/4%
US Prime Rate	10%
Federal Funds	8 1/2%
3-month Treasury Bills	7.80-7.85%
30-year bonds	9 1/2-9 3/4%

CURRENCIES

London	New York
£ \$1.5552	\$ £0.6430
£ DM2.8073	DM £0.3564
£ Sfr2.5110	Sfr £0.3981
£ FF5.5491	FF £0.1803
£ Yen240.88	Yen £0.0041
£ Index25.7	Index £0.0392
£ SDR1.3643	SDR £0.7326

GOLD

London Fixing	£415.25 pm-£412.75
Close	£413.50-£414.00 (£249.25)
New York	£412.75
Comex	£412.70-£413.20

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Mar)	£19.55/bbl (\$19.90)
Dumex	£19.55/bbl (\$19.90)

TOURIST RATES

	Bank	Bank
Australia	2.155	2.015
Austria	30.60	19.40
Belgium	32.00	32.00
Canada	2.01	1.90
Denmark	11.23	10.73
France	6.56	6.38
Germany	2.94	2.78
Greece	16.55	16.55
Hong Kong	13.58	12.65
Ireland	1.72	1.65
Italy	2185	2085
Japan	256	240
Netherlands	3.29	3.11
Norway	11.33	10.87
Portugal	260	240
Spain	160.50	175.20
Sweden	10.55	10.55
Switzerland	2.625	2.465
Turkey	4370	3770
USA	1.74	1.64
Yugoslavia	Ref	Ref

Citicorp and County make 219 redundant

By Neil Bennett

The City suffered one of its blackest days yesterday as two senior securities houses announced 219 redundancies in an effort to cut heavy losses. Citicorp is closing almost all of its City branch offices, with the loss of up to 140 jobs and a cost of \$68 million (£41 million). In a separate announcement, County NatWest, the securities arm of National Westminster Bank, said it was cutting 79 jobs as part of a worldwide rationalization. Citicorp will now concentrate on

European equities and derivative products. It will maintain limited market-making and research in a handful of British companies which it considers to be growth stocks. In all, 215 jobs will cease to exist, although 75 people will be offered other places in the banking group. The restructured company will only have 105 employees. The institutional equities business will be called Citicorp, dropping the name Scrimgeour Vickers. Citicorp, the parent US banking group, coupled the announcement with the release of its fourth quarter figures, showing a loss of

\$784 million, due to a \$1 billion provision against Third World debts, and the \$68 million write-off on the restructuring of Scrimgeour Vickers. This compares with net profits of \$747 million in the last quarter of 1988. The decision marks a tragic end to one of the most ambitious expansion programmes in the City before Big Bang. Citicorp are thought to have paid more than £100 million to buy Scrimgeour Kemp-Gee, and Vickers de Costa. The business, however, failed to cover its high costs. County has lost 22 market-makers, 38 settlements staff, 18

traded options market-makers and 12 analysts and corporate finance assistants in an effort to bring its British securities operation into profit. This leaves 575 employees in the UK securities operation. The redundancies are the first stage in a rationalization plan masterminded by Mr Tim Ferguson, appointed as chief executive in August. The moves include the closure of the firm's settlement operation in Edinburgh, with the loss of 38 jobs. County's Scottish office, which was part of Wood Mackenzie which it acquired for an estimated £30 million in 1987 is being down-

graded from an integrated office to a business centre. "This is very much a positive move," said Mr Ferguson. "We are very keen to create a good profitable equity business. For that we have to make money in London." The 79 losing their jobs earned up to £35,000 and will get between three and six months severance pay. This is the third successive year that County has announced job losses in mid-January. There was ill-feeling on the County market-making floor from dealers who felt that the original staff from County were being

discriminated against in favour of more recent arrivals from Wood Mackenzie, and Morgan Grenfell and Chase. Less than five of County's original market-making team are still with the firm. "You always get the feeling that they are the blue-eyed boys," said one senior market-maker who was part of Bigwood Bishop, the jobbing firm which National Westminster bought before Big Bang. Mr Ferguson denied there was any friction in the bank. He added: "As far as I am concerned, we are one firm. The difference between allegiances has gone."

Ridley concerned over buying power and effect on out-of-town stores

Kingfisher bid for Dixons goes to MMC

By Gillian Bowditch

Kingfisher's £568 million bid for Dixons Group has been referred to the Monopolies Commission. Mr Nicholas Ridley, Trade Secretary said yesterday. The referral is in accordance with the recommendation made by the Director General of Fair Trading and it appears that any plea bargaining Kingfisher may have done in an attempt to allay the Office of Fair Trading's fears has been unsuccessful. Mr Ridley said there were possible effects on competition in the British market for electrical goods which deserve investigation by the commission.

The combined group's buying power is another area the Monopolies Commission is expected to investigate. There is some concern that the combined group's buying power would allow it to gain substantial discounts from manufacturers but the lack of competition would mean it would not be under pressure to pass discounts on to the consumer. Mr Stanley Kalms, chairman of Dixons, yesterday made the last of five internal radio programmes for his staff, in which he thanked them for their efforts. Dixons shares fell 8p to 128p on news of the referral.

Mr Kalms said: "We're satisfied that justice has been done at this stage. We were winning the battle in any case but a pause is sometimes quite useful. Kingfisher was having a rough time this time around. If they come back they will be facing a more resilient and better prepared group." He said business would carry on as normal. "I've had half an hour off but I'm not pausing. I will carry on running my business aggressively," he said. Mr Nigel Whittaker, Kingfisher's corporate affairs director, said: "Naturally the referral is disappointing, but we have to be forward-looking about these things. We have a strong case and we will be putting it aggressively to the Monopolies Commission."

He said it is hypothetical whether Kingfisher renews its bid for Dixons if it obtains clearance. "Dixons is an option for us not a necessity. Each of our businesses is growing and if attractive opportunities for acquisition come up, we look at them but we do not have to make a bid." Mr Whittaker refused to comment on any plea bargaining the group had done but analysts believe it may have offered to sell some out-of-town stores in areas where Currys and Comet overlap.



Fighting talk: Stanley Kalms talking on Dixons' internal radio network yesterday thanking his staff for their help in the battle

New TVS pay rise row as profits lag

By Martin Waller

Mr James Gattward, chief executive of TVS Entertainment, was again defending his salary increase to £250,000 from January 1 as the ITV contractor's 12-month figures to end-October showed pre-tax profits almost halved from £26.1 million to £13.7 million. The group is moving its financial year end to December and will consider the final dividend in its April report. Mr Gattward revealed that even after the departures of Mr Arthur Price and Mr

GrandMet in French deal

By Martin Waller

Grand Metropolitan has agreed to buy strategic stakes in Remy Martin and Cointreau, two French drinks businesses which are set to merge in the next few months. A spokesman for the British company said it was still at "an early stage of negotiations," but the deal is agreed with the vendor, the Max Cointreau family, which owns 49 per cent of Remy, the brandy producer, and 19 per cent of Cointreau and which had decided to sell out after a

family row. It is also planned that some of the shares being bought by International Distillers and Vintners, the GrandMet subsidiary, will be sold back to the merged company. Net cost to GrandMet, therefore, is to be less than £150 million and the company is likely to be left with between 15 and 25 per cent, an acceptable level to the French.

IDV will not be involved in the day-to-day running of the company. But the deal brings with it a rare chance to link up with two of the most prestigious drinks businesses in the world. GrandMet already has a European distribution deal with Cointreau, while Remy owns Piper-Heidsieck and Krug champagnes. GrandMet's premier brands are J&B Whisky and Smirnoff Vodka. Its only brandy is the Greek Metaxa, and several years ago it lost out to Seagram in an attempt to buy Martell.

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Markets remain calm in wake of Tokyo fall

By Stephen Leather and Michael Clark in London and Joe Joseph in Tokyo

Stock markets in London and Wall Street fought to remain calm in the wake of Tuesday's 666.41 point slump in Tokyo. Shares were marked down sharply in London yesterday as dealers reacted to a fall of more than 1,300 points in the Nikkei index over the last two trading days.

Stocks with a large exposure to the US economy were worst hit in the morning and at one stage the FT-SE 100 index was down nearly 37 points, wiping almost £8 billion from shares. But a re-assuring performance by the Dow Jones industrial average in New York enabled share prices in London to close above their worst with the index ending 17.1 lower at 2,349.1.

The narrower FT Index of top 30 shares finished 21.2 down at 1,875.7 though turnover remained low with just 480 million shares traded. Last night traders said they expected share prices to stage a technical rally with the falls of the past two days tempting a few cheap buyers. One leading broker commented: "I still don't trust this

market. I think Wall Street has further to fall and any sharp correction over there will drag us lower as well." Part of the blame for the lacklustre London market is being heaped on the euphoria over Eastern Europe that helped drive world stock markets to record highs in the first days of the new year. This has now evaporated

and fears of inflation and interest rate rises are returning to haunt markets. As the London trading session drew to a close, the Dow Jones industrial average was off 6.62 at 2662.75, having been down as much as 20 points at one time. However, one market commentator said that Wall Street still appears "procautious," with the main fears being weakness in the Japanese and US bond markets.

Tuesday's plunge in Tokyo took the Nikkei to 36,850.36, its lowest in seven weeks. The sickly yen, crumbling bond prices, firmer oil values and political uncertainties at home and abroad again triggered the fall. The Nikkei's drop was the sixth worst on record.

Bundesbank president challenges Thatcher's position

By Colin Nairn, Economics Correspondent

A single central banking system for the European Community must be independent of political interference from national governments and EC institutions and have a monopoly on monetary policy, Herr Karl Otto Pöhl, president of the Bundesbank, West Germany's independent central bank, said last night. His views, in a forceful lecture in Paris on European economic and monetary union (EMU), challenge Mrs Thatcher's position that central banks, including the Bank of England, have to be accountable to national parliaments.

Herr Pöhl, the most influential central banker in Europe, said a future European central banking system (ECBS) must have a monopoly on creating money, or otherwise be a "tiger without teeth." It should also control decisions on interest rates, liquidity, money stock, the

buying and selling of non-EC currencies, the transfer of foreign exchange reserves and how the ECBS profits are shared out. National central banks would handle executive functions like the settlement of payments, open market operations with the banks and government business. Herr Pöhl, who would prefer a slower and more cautious approach to EMU than most EC political leaders, said the ECBS would be the most important issue facing the planned inter-governmental conference this year. He expects it to become clear whether steps towards this goal are possible during the first stage of progress towards EMU, when he believes it will emerge whether government, management and labour across Europe are willing to act "responsibly" in realistically-assessed

economic conditions. While acknowledging that institutional steps towards monetary integration will require an amendment to the EC treaty, he urged better use of existing instruments to achieve greater convergence on economic policy with permanent results. "Even without amending the treaty, the EC has already an adequate institutional framework for establishing a convincing common economic and monetary policy," he said.

Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Governor of the Bank of England, yesterday reaffirmed Britain's commitment to taking the pound fully into the EMS but gave a warning against "premature entry." He told the West German Savings Banks Association that Britain first had to resolve its domestic economic problems, but he is convinced that, when circumstances are right, it would bring benefits.

Pöhl call for independent central bank

Commentary on the Pöhl lecture and its implications for the UK and the EMU process.

Record profits for the Leeds

By Martin Waller

Record pre-tax profits are announced by Leeds Permanent Building Society. During the financial year ended 30th September 1989, the Society increased its share of the building societies' mortgage market to 9.3%, more than doubling the previous year's figure.

Record pre-tax profits £138.5m (1988: £122.6m) an increase of 13.0%  
Record post-tax profits £87.2m (1988: £78.9m) an increase of 10.5%  
General reserve increased to £515.4m (1988: £413.1m) an increase of 24.8%  
Assets total £12,920.6m (1988: £10,219.4m) an increase of 26.4%  
Liquid assets amount to £2,101.8m (1988: £1,689.0m) being 16.3% (1988: 16.5%) of total assets  
Record amount advanced £3,345.8m (1988: £2,559.4m) an increase of 30.7%  
Share of building society mortgage market 9.3% (1988: 4.7%)  
Increase in retail funds £1,273.2m (1988: £1,138.6m)

The fact that we were able to achieve record profits in such adverse conditions is proof that our business strategy is exactly right. J M BLACKBURN, Director and Chief Executive.

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Jurys Inns, the Irish hotel  
group, has reported a 39 per cent  
jump in profits to £2.18 million  
for the year ended October 31.  
The group's turnover rose 14.4  
per cent to £111.1 million.  
The shares rose from 194p to  
204p. The group has 11 hotels  
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The group is planning to open  
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# Isosceles' performance outstrips bid forecasts

By Gillian Bowditch

Isosceles, the consortium which last year bid £2.1 billion for Gateway, the supermarket group, has said that its performance since the takeover had outstripped its projections to the banks which lent the money for the highly leveraged deal.

For the 16 weeks to November 11, when Isosceles was in control, the group made a loss before tax of £30 million after interest payments of £67 million.

Mr Ernest Sharp, Isosceles chairman, said it was impossible to give a comparison with the same period last year as the group had changed dramatically. Medicare, the chemist chain which was losing £140,000 a week, has been sold to Kingfisher and 60 Gateway supermarkets were sold to Asda for £705 million.

The group made operating profits of £44 million for the 16-week period on turnover of £921 million and Mr Sharp said the restructuring of the Gateway business was progressing well. Operating profits are about 10 per cent ahead of the forecasts to banks at the time of the bid, he said.

Isosceles expects to make a pre-tax profit for the full year. Mr Sharp said the group was having no problems repaying its debt and was under no pressure to dispose of Hermans, the US sports chain, or another 20 supermarkets.

The group has fixed the interest rate on a large percentage of its debt. Using swaps, £515 million has been fixed at 12.2 per cent for three years and £122 million has been capped at 12.5 per cent. A further \$400 million (£242 million) is fixed at 10 per cent.

In the half year to November 11 the loss at Hermans grew from \$10.5 million to \$13.2 million on static turnover of \$319 million. Mr Sharp said he expected a US group would buy the business. Meanwhile, Hermans' stock inventory is being reduced, generating cash for Isosceles.

Isosceles is experimenting with a new format for its larger supermarkets under the name Somerfield Fine Fresh Foods. If successful there will be about 150 of these stores which will be more up market than the Gateway stores.

Mr Sharp said Isosceles' 40 per cent shareholder, Newgateway, the consortium which counterbid for Gateway, was friendly and helpful.

Isosceles' debt equity is trading at between £25 and £35.



Dramatic change: Ernest Sharp of Isosceles yesterday

## Miller gloomy on profits

By Jeremy Andrews

Shares in Stanley Miller, the builder and property developer, plunged 27p to 172p after a statement that profits for 1989 would fall "considerably short" of the £1.25 million before tax reported for 1988.

They compare with the 34.5p peak reached before the losses in its Scottish operations and the planning inquiry into its £140 million Quayside development in central Newcastle were announced.

When the fall in first-half profits from £315,000 to £22,000 was announced in September, Mr Colin Powell, chairman, said all activities were then trading profitably.

Now the company says that the construction business has had a disappointing year even though there were healthy performances from its house-building and joinery activities.

Scottish construction operations, which lost £145,000 in the first half, have been sold at an extraordinary cost of £570,000.

## Elders poised for pub expansion

By Colin Campbell

Grand Metropolitan's grand design to move out of brewing and exchange those interests for public houses took a step forward when the Elders DXL group of Australia said it had taken up a £250 million call option over the Courage Pub Company.

Elders has since May 1988, held a 50 per cent stake with fellow Australian group Hudson Conway in Courage Pub Company Holdings - owner of more than 5,000 English public houses under the Courage umbrella - and is taking a call option on the remaining 50 per cent from Conway.

The call option can be exercised up to December 6 this year. Mr Peter Barlett, chief executive of Elders Brewing, would not comment on reasons why the agreement was based on a call option.

The timing of the exercise of the option will determine the final price, which could reach £260 million.

Mr Allen Sheppard, GrandMet's chairman, had outlined his hope that GrandMet will resolve the future of its brewing interests before the spring.

The Elders-Courage development encouraged London analysts to believe that a full-scale public houses-for-breweries swap between Elders and GrandMet could be close.

In the light of the Monopolies and Mergers report into the brewing industry, and in finalizing its own blueprint for its liquor interests for the 1990s, GrandMet has been holding preliminary talks with international brewers.

Elders said that the call option over Courage will provide the Elders group with "flexibility" to deal with the Courage Pub Estate "at a time when the British brewing industry is undergoing substantial changes."

Elders' other British brewing interests were also in the spotlight with renewed speculation that Elders is about to place its 23 per cent stake in Scottish & Newcastle with institutions.

## Thames to close two offices

By Graham Searjeant

Thames Water is to vacate two valuable freehold sites as part of an office rationalization programme.

In July, it will close an office on a 4.3-acre site near the M25 motorway in Hertfordshire, and its historic New River Head offices on a 4.5-acre mixed-use site at Islington, north London, in 1992.

Notice has been given in advance to 665 employees who will move to purpose-built specialized office, control and laboratory sites.

The New River Head is part-listed and its future is being discussed with the local authority and with English Heritage. Outsiders estimate the Hertfordshire site might be worth about £7.5 million with planning permission.

Thames did not disclose the balance sheet value of the sites, which were not specifically identified as surplus in privatization arrangements, and suggested there would be little net financial effect, allowing for new premises costs.

## Vickers hits at Brierley build-up

By Angela Mackay

Fed-up with an encroaching foreign investor, Vickers yesterday sent a letter to shareholders complaining at the "destabilizing" presence of Sir Ron Brierley, the New Zealand businessman, was exerting on the company.

Sir David Plastow, Vickers' chairman and chief executive, told shareholders: "I regard industrial equity Pacific's increasing holding to be against the best interests of Vickers shareholders." IEP is Sir Ron's Hong Kong-registered investment vehicle.

Last week, IEP said it had lifted its stake from just under 17 to 17.25 per cent. The New Zealanders have steadily built this holding over the past 16 months at an average entry price of £2 a share against Vickers' closing price yesterday of 205p, down 1p.

Analysts suggested Vickers was attempting to elicit a statement from Sir Ron which would either trigger an offer period or prohibit an offer for several months if he said he did not intend to bid. The company has already refused Sir Ron a seat on the board.

One broker said Sir Ron would likely attempt to split Vickers in two rather than make an outright bid, putting car manufacturing into one listed company and the engineering and defence business into another.

Sir David said he was particularly concerned that a big foreign shareholder might jeopardize Vickers' chances of winning the contract to replace the army's Chieftain tanks with its Challenger 2 and that foreign control may induce Rolls-Royce to cancel agreements giving Vickers' subsidiary, Rolls-Royce Motor Cars, use of the name and trademarks.

Mr Stuart Mitchell for IEP said he was surprised at the letter and his company had been in regular contact with Vickers. He said it was in IEP's interests that Vickers was the tank contract and keeps the Rolls-Royce rights.

Sir David said he had not received a satisfactory answer when he wrote to Sir Ron last month asking him to make his intentions clear. Sir Ron repeated he was a friendly shareholder and also offered to visit the Ministry of Defence if it would ease Vickers' concern about the tank contract.

"Vickers has the view that undermining the Britishness of the company may influence the award of the tank contract," Sir David said.

## Suddenly, Delors plan seems quite acceptable

COMMENT David Brewerton

The Prime Minister's approach to proposals from Brussels that she does not like to oppose them and to muddy the waters with counter-proposals likely to be opposed by other countries. There is a subtler response: to seize the suggestion with apparent enthusiasm and then push the implications so far that they alarm the original proponents. Could this be the hidden message in Karl-Otto Pöhl's remarkable speech on the requirements for an European central bank?

Herr Pöhl certainly laid it on the line. He maintains any central bank operating on conventional Community lines of political compromise - symbolically like the Ecu basket currency - was bound to be a failure. It would be worse than the present continental system of an exchange rate system anchored to the mark and hence to sound German monetary policy.

If a European central bank was to work, it would have to duplicate the virtues of the German system. Its directors would have to be independent of member governments and the Commission to the extent that they would be unsackable for long periods, would have guaranteed pensions and need consult no-one. The chairman would report to the European parliament only occasionally, but not as often as the Federal Reserve chairman reports to Congress.

This independent body would have a monopoly of monetary policy, including creation of money, credit and liquidity and setting interest rates. Since it would need the means to this end, it would take

## Rolls-Royce warms up

Rolls-Royce shares at 183p languish within a stone's throw of the May 1987 offer-for-sale price of 170p, making them the worst performer among the privatization stocks. Most of this is not the fault of R-R, but of the Government which insisted on floating the company with a 15 per cent upper limit on foreign shareholdings. In the post-floatation scramble, 22 per cent of the shares fell into foreign hands, and overseas investors had subsequently to sell £55 million of shares, at a loss, the wrong side of the 1987 crash.

Last September, two years too late, the Government was finally persuaded to lift the limit to 29.5 per cent, but to nobody's great surprise the investors who were shown the door in 1987 did not queue up to buy again, and the proportion of R-R shares in foreign hands stands at only 15.8 per cent. Positive efforts are being made to lift that percentage and, at the same time, lift the price. Peter Macfarlane, finance director, will be in New York today to prepare the ground for the listing of the shares in American Depository Receipt (ADR) form, and a roadshow is planned for Japan, where some 11 per cent of the shares are held.

The Japanese are unlikely to be disappointed. While Sir Francis Tombs, R-R chairman, may be happy with the peacetime awarded him in the New Year honours (Lord Tombs of where, we wonder?), he is not content with R-R's market share in civil aero-engines. Although this has doubled to 20 per cent since 1987, Tombs wants 30 per cent. General Electric is equally keen his ambitions will not be realized. But even if the proposed new GE engine, the GE90, does put a spanner into Rolls-Royce's turbines it will make no impact for years.

Meanwhile, R-R sits astride a £6 billion order book, up from £4.1 billion a year ago, and is diversifying. About a billion of the increase in the order book arises as a result of the inclusion of Northern Engineering Industries, acquired for £306 millions of R-R shares in May. The acquisition was not universally acclaimed in the City. Tombs will need to demonstrate the positive benefits before he is given any credit for the deal. We may not have long to wait.

## Bond company 'had no bank account'

From David Tweed, Sydney

Bond Brewing Investments which houses investments worth hundreds of millions of dollars for the Bond Group, operated without a bank account, the Victorian supreme court has been told.

Mr David Crawford, of Peat Marwick Hungerford, the accountant, said BBI operated through its parent Bond Brewing Holdings (BBH) which acted as a central banker for the group. Mr Crawford is a receiver-manager of BBH, with Mr Charles Sear.

BBH is seeking to overturn their appointment, made at the application of the National Australia Bank, the leader of the syndicate with an exposure of

Mr Jeff Reynolds, the Texas investor who planned a rescue for Bond Corp, has withdrawn from negotiations because he can not secure financing. He had secured funding of about \$195 million (£118 million) for 51 per cent of Bond.

Aus\$80 million (£38 million) to BBH. Asked by Mr Justice Beach if it was common for a company to operate without a bank account, Mr Crawford said: "Not in my experience."

In other developments, Mr Alan Bond, chairman of the Bond Group, appealed to the state government of Queensland to reconsider its forced acquisition of an additional 15.5 per cent

penalty stake in the Aus\$1.3 billion Greenvale nickel project.

Mr Bond's appeal followed the success of the state government in more than doubling its holding in Greenvale at no extra cost after enforcing a technicality in the original joint venture agreement.

Under the terms of the original joint venture agreement, the state's government had the right to increase its holding automatically by 15.5 per cent if a receiver was appointed to the Bond company. One was appointed to MEQ Nickel, an offshoot of Dailhold Investments, Mr Bond's family company, last week. Although he was subsequently withdrawn, the right to increase the holding was triggered.

## Mister Donut sold to Allied

By Our City Staff

Allied-Lyons has reached an agreement to buy Mister Donut, the American doughnut retail chain, from International Multifoods for less than £30 million.

Allied-Lyons said the acquisition of Mister Donut's 558 stores in the US by Allied-Lyons Dunkin' Donuts unit, the 1,842-unit donut and coffee chain which it bought for \$325 million (£196 million) last November, is in line with its intention to further develop its food businesses.

The company declined to state a precise figure for the purchase. Analysts, however, reckon it was for between £26 million and £30 million.

Mr Tony Pratt, for Allied-Lyons, said the purchase forms part of the group's strategy to concentrate on its core-franchised and branded businesses.

Allied-Lyons last month both disposed of its Embassy hotel chain and bought Whitbread's spirits division for £545 million.

Mr Jonathan Goble, an equities analyst at Barclays de Zoete Wedder, the broker, said the Mister Donut acquisition fitted well in the company's plans of focus.

## SNC action to recover £8m lost on Ferranti purchase

By Angela Mackay

Smith New Court Securities began proceedings against Scrimgeour Vickers Asset Management yesterday to try to reclaim £8 million lost on the purchase in July of a 3.8 per cent stake in Ferranti International.

SNC bought about 28 million Ferranti shares for 82.25p a share, 4.75p below market. By the time the broker's interim accounts were closed off on October 27 last year, Ferranti stock was trading at 56p after the company shares plummeted when the company revealed it had been the subject of a £215 million fraud.

SNC, as a market-maker in Ferranti, was believed to have already had a small stake in the British defence and electronics group at the time of the purchase and could in September speak for about 4.5 per cent of the company.

Since October it has sold most of the stake. Yesterday, Ferranti closed at 34p, down 1/2p.

Scrimgeour, a subsidiary of Citibank NA, said it had obtained 30 million shares when Citibank declared a loan in default at the beginning of June and sold the shares



James Guerin: shares were offered as a security against loan

which had been offered as security. The shares had belonged to Mr James Guerin, the former deputy chairman of Ferranti who resigned from the board in May. Mr Guerin was the founder of ISC, the US-based company at the heart of the fraud that involves bogus defence contracts with Pakistan, China and Iraq.

Ferranti has already issued writs against Mr Guerin and three other ISC employees, along with five Panamanian companies, to try to recover \$198 million (£119.6 million) of the lost money. The company is also expected to issue writs soon against Peat Marwick McLintock, ISC's auditor at the time of the merger of Ferranti and the US group in September 1987, and several other parties.

Smith New Court Securities' writ against Scrimgeour Vickers seeks to rescind the sale and/or seek damages over alleged misrepresentation of the sale of the shares, under section 2 (i) of the Misrepresentation Act 1967.

Citibank said the action was without merit and would fully defend the action.

## Casualty list grows

Among the 79 broking and bag office staff in London and Edinburgh who lost their Country NatWest WoodMac jobs yesterday, there are well known City personalities. Most senior among them was Jeff Hughes, a one-time partner with Bispood Bishop, the specialist smaller companies market-maker built up by Brian Winterlood, who was briefly head of market-making there and then ran market-making jointly with Colin Mills after its merger with Wood Mackenzie. Green had been more recently employed in an administrative role. Also redundant is Philip Cole, an ex-Akroyd man who ran the smaller companies book and was one of the first market-makers ever employed by Wood Mackenzie. "In that job he had to follow in the footsteps of Winterlood himself," said one City observer. "It must have been a bit like trying to follow Frank Sinatra." The third of the trio is Paul Shrubshaw, who was with the firm for more than four years, and specialized in second-line oil stocks.

© The surprise reference of Kingfisher's bid for Dixons is, say sources at Kingfisher's Marylebone Road headquarters, being blamed on its delay in removing several Christmas trees on display there. Failure to remove Christmas decorations before twelve midnight - January 6 - brings, according to folklore, bad luck. The decorations at Kingfisher were still up on January 10....

## Payback from Zak

After reading the writing on the wall, Zak Keshavjee, aged 38, a former stock analyst with Swiss Bank Corp (formerly Savory Mills), has given up all attempts to land another job within the Square Mile. Instead, he now plans to launch an independent research house, initially from his home in Hampton, West London. Keshavjee, who hopes to have his operation up and running by March or April, with offices in Richmond or Twickenham, tells me that he will have four products in total. "One will be called Payback, a technical share valuation product, published monthly, another will be Trendline, published bi-monthly and giving a detailed analysis of a company," he says. "On a quarterly basis I will publish an in-depth look at a major issue in the sector - such as food retailing profitability in the longer term (of which I am bearish) - and also on a quarterly basis I will publish a review, which will be a related and detailed study of a company - i.e. a food retailer." Keshavjee, who will charge £3,000 a year for all four publications - although they are, he says, available at an introductory offer of £1,750 before the end of February - says he has had an encouraging response from investors. "They are fed up with the overall quality of research currently available - and at a cost of only £67 per copy, it makes you realize just how expensive it is for brokers to employ researchers."

## Mere bagatelle

Arguably the last word on the salary of James Garward, the chairman of TVS, which skyrocketed from £118,000 to £250,000 on the back of the disastrous MTM acquisition in the States. The pay rise



## Raver's return

Mike Moore, New Zealand's Minister for External Relations and Trade, issued a press release asking exporters to pay for "a roving trade ambassador" to seek new business opportunities in Eastern Europe. A somewhat embarrassed Moore, whose bid last year to succeed David Lange as prime minister was defeated, has now had to convene a press conference - to explain that he meant to say "a roving trade ambassador."

## Changes to allow trust management and insurance policy sales

## Friendly societies set for wider powers

By Lindsay Cook  
Family Money Editor

Friendly societies are to be allowed to manage unit trusts and personal equity plans, and to sell insurance policies and personal loans, including mortgages, on an agency basis.

The changes are proposed in a green paper published yesterday after a review of the 467 societies.

To take up the wider business powers through subsidiaries, societies will have to incorporate. The green paper proposes they should be able to do this by a new, swift, cheap route under the Industrial and Provident Act.

Societies will be required to provide a statutory compensation scheme for investors and to meet the solvency requirements already being met by the largest societies before they can operate the new powers. The compensation scheme is likely to guarantee 90 per cent of a member's benefits. Societies will also have to join an Ombudsman scheme. The earliest the powers can be introduced is the summer of 1991.

Mr Alec Wilson, the deputy commissioner of Friendly Societies, said the green paper gave the societies all the powers for which they had asked. It does not, however, deal with the limit on the traditional tax-exempt policies offered by societies. This request will be dealt with along with other submissions for the Budget.

Since 1984, the limit on societies' tax-exempt policies has been £9 a month or £100 a year. In addition, they have been squeezed by investor protection legislation and European Community legislation. Because of these pressures, 126 societies have ceased taking new business. Another 115 only did business below the tax-exempt threshold and had total premium incomes of less than £50,000.

About 95 per cent of the £4.1 billion funds under management by societies are accounted for by 37 societies.

Where societies are in decline, the management costs rise as a proportion of income and begin to erode the payments expected by members. The investor protection scheme would monitor societies with management expenses rising disproportionately, putting benefits at risk. An "adviser" would then be appointed to help the committee of management of the society.

Mr Peter Gray, chief executive of the Tumbridge Wells Equitable Friendly Society, said: "We have still got to get this into action. The pressure must still be on some smaller societies to consider mergers."

Mr John Reeve, chief executive of Family Assurance, said: "It will be a frustrating time seeing the new powers but not being able to make use of them."



## FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 88.3 (day's range 88.3-88.6)

## STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES OTHER STERLING RATES

Range	Class	1 month	3 month
Australia dollar		2.0949-2.0990	
Bahrain dinar		0.6200-0.6280	

New Yrk	1.9505-1.9555	1.9550-1.9595	1.02-1.01pr	2.77-2.75pr	Brazil cruzado " ...	20.1936-20.3218
Montri	1.9195-1.9282	1.9259-1.9282	0.52-0.46pr	0.98-0.88pr	Cyprus pound	0.7650-0.7760
Amstrdm	3.1635-3.1868	3.1635-3.1670	1% 1%pr	4% 4%pr	Finland mark	8.6115-8.6788

Brussels	58.73-58.25	58.73-58.80	26-23pr	70-63pr	Greece drachma	261.40-264.40
Copenhagen	10.807-10.953	10.807-10.982	3-2pr	6%-7%pr	Hong Kong dollar	12.9144-12.9239
Dublin	1.0804-1.0885	1.0804-1.0814	33-27pr	80-78pr	Indian rupee	77.08-80.58

Frankfurt	2.8061-2.8281	2.8081-2.8088	1%-1%pr	4%-4%pr	Kuwait dinar KD	0.4795-0.4855
London	246.55-248.50	246.55-247.02	4pr-29dc	105-238dc	Malaysia ringgit	4.4715-4.4760
Mexico	181.11-183.24	181.55-181.77	100-500	100-500	Mexico peso	

Milan	2030.70-2098.13	2030.70-2098.13	6-4p	14-11p	New Zealand dollar ..	2.7082-2.7154
Oslo	10.8196-10.8859	10.8240-10.8350	3p-3p4p	0p-3p4p	Saudi Arabia riyal .....	8.1615-8.2435
Paris	0.5452-0.5818	0.5452-0.5818	0p-3p4p	0p-3p4p		

Singapore	10.1960-10.2010	6.5400-6.5500	3%~3.5%pr	3%~3.5%pr	Singapore cover	3.1280-3.1320
Seachina	10.1960-10.2360	10.0800-10.2030	2%~2.5%pr	5%~5.5%pr	S Africa rand (fin)	5.6875-5.5835
Tokyo	240.15-241.29	240.80-240.98	1%~1%pr	4%~4%pr	S Africa rand (com)	4.2325-4.2435
Wynell	10.70-10.88	10.80-10.84	1%~1%pr	4%~4%pr		

Yorba Linda	2.6098-2.5225	1.9408-1.9408	1.6700-1.1100	3.6700-2.8500	U A E Oman	6.0325-6.1125
Zurich	2.6098-2.5225	2.6098-2.5122	1% - 1 1/2%	3% - 3 1/2%	Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Euro and London Markets	

**DOLLAR SPOT RATES**

Denmark	1.5815-1.5830	Italy	1.268.0-1.269.0
Singapore	1.8918-1.8928	W Germany	1.7015-1.7022
Malaysia	2.7035-2.7045	Switzerland	1.5215-1.5225
Belgium (Com)	35.86-35.71		
Hong Kong	7.9900-7.9920		

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**Norway** 6.5465-6.5515 Rates supplied by Barclays Bank GTS and Extel.

**MONEY MARKETS**  
Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 15 Finance Hse 15%  
EURO MONEY DEPOSITS

Discount Market Loans %		Currency		Money Deposits %				
Overnight High: 15	Low 14%	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	1 yr	2 yr	
Treasury Bills (Discount %)	Week fixed: 14%	Dollar:	8%-7%	8 1/2%-6 1/2%	8 1/2%-6 1/2%	8 1/2%-6 1/2%	8 1/2%-6 1/2%	

Buying: 2 mth - 14%    3 mth - 14%    6 mth - 14%  
 Selling: 2 mth - 14 1/2%    3 mth - 14 1/2%    6 mth - 14 1/2%  
 Prime Bank Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 14%    3 mth: 14%    6 mth: 14%  
 Cash: 8 1/2% - 9%    3 mth: 8 1/2% - 9%    6 mth: 8 1/2% - 9%  
 Deutschemark: 7% - 7%    8 1/2% - 8 1/2%    9 1/2% - 9 1/2%  
 Call: 7% - 8%  
 Stock: 8% - 8%    9% - 9%    10% - 10%

2 mth: 14 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> -14 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	3 mth: 14 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> -14 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	6 mth: 14 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> -13 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	French Franc	10%-10%	11%-11	11%-11	11%-11	11%-11
Trade Bills (Discount %):	1 mth: 15 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>		Swiss Franc	0%-0%	0 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> -11 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	0%-0%	0%-0%	0%-0%
2 mth: 15 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	3 mth: 15 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	6 mth: 14 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>						

Overnight, open 15	close 14 1/2	Call: 10-9					
1 week: 15-14 1/2	1 mth: 15 1/2-14 1/2	Yen:					
3 mth: 15 1/2-15	9 mth: 15 1/2-15 1/2	Call: 6-6	6 1/2-6 1/2	6 1/2-6 1/2	7 1/2-7	7 1/2-7 1/2	

**GOLD BULLION (Per ounce)**

High: \$415.50-416.00 Low: \$411.50-412.00

3 mth: 6.17-8.12 6 mth: 8.17-8.12 12 mth 6.17-8.12  
Building Society CDs (%)  
1 mth: 15%-15% 2 mth: 15%-15% 3 mth: 15%-15%

10m: 15%-15<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>% 9m: 15<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>%-14% 12m: 15-14%  
 ECGD  
 Export Credit Guar. Agency  
 New Sovereigns: \$98.50-98.50 (\$58.00-58.00)  
 Old Sovereigns: \$98.50-98.50 (\$58.00-58.00)

9, 1989. Agreed rates Jan 24, 1990 to Feb 25, 1990.  
Scheme I: 15.90 per cent. Schemes II & III: 16.38 per

chemie IV & V: 15.164 per cent.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
FT-SE 100	2,840.00	2,840.00	2,840.00	2,840.00	1,000.00

Previous open interest 20,000

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
Three month call	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1,000.00

Jan 90	2390.0	2397.0	2393.0	2379.0	8028	Mar 90	88.82	88.54	Previous open interest 1726
Jan 90	2400.0	2407.0	2400.0	2421.0	25	Jun 90	88.97	88.97	88.50
Three Month Sterling								88.63	352

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Three Month Eurodollar		Previous open interest		32118	
Mar 90	91.51	91.96	91.88	91.90	5797
Jun 90	91.89	91.85	91.85	91.87	2609

Three Month Eurodollar		Previous open interest		33162	
Mar 90	91.51	91.96	91.88	91.90	5797
Jun 90	91.89	91.85	91.85	91.87	2609

Japanese Govt Bond		Previous open interest		19963	
Mar 90	91.51	91.96	91.88	91.90	5797
Jun 90	91.89	91.85	91.85	91.87	2609

Three Month Euro DM				Previous open interest 30813				Previous open interest 876			
Mar 90	91.41	91.43	91.38	91.40	7703	97.23	97.55	97.22	97.44	281	
German Govt Bond											

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COMMODITIES LONDON FOR

**COCOA**  
Mar 628-623  
Mar 628-620

CASH		CREDIT		BALANCE		TOTAL	
DATE	DESCRIPTION	DATE	DESCRIPTION	DATE	DESCRIPTION	DATE	DESCRIPTION
May 654-655		May 708-708		May 719-722		Vol 10379	
Jul 654-655							
Sep 689-670							

COFFEE	AMT Futures	Lead	418.00-416.50	1440.0-1441.0	571500	Steady
Jan 565-567	Sep 641-642	Zinc Hi Grade	1250.0-1280.0	414.50-415.00	84826	Steady
Mar 565-566	Nov 640-640					

5-77.50	May 503-604	Jan 680-582	Vol 7264	Aluminum Hr	1260.0-1261.0	1275.0-1277.0	21725	Quiet
40-88.75	Jul 622-623				6725-6735	6825-6845	222825	Brly Stdy
5-84.75								

10-62.75	10-62.75	10-61.50	Mar 320.6-20.8	Oct 310.2-10.6	Nickel*	7190-7210	1513.0-1514.0	574250	Steady
10-61.50	10-61.50	10-61.50	Mar 320.6-20.8	Oct 310.2-10.6	† (Cents per Troy oz.) * (¢ per lb.)	7005-7008	7005-7008	21714	Easier

May 320.2-21.4	Dec. 300.0-00.0
Aug 318.0-18.4	Mar 291.4-91.8

<b>Flour</b> 6-19.85 5-19.15	<b>WHEAT close (21)</b> Ja 113.30 Mr 116.25 My 120.45	<b>Live Pig Contract</b> Mth Open Close	<b>Av'ge faststock prices at representative markets on January 1, 1913</b>
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	Jn	121.80	Sp	108.15	Nv	109.15	Feb	103.5	103.5	(kg hr)		Pig	Sheep	Cattle
	BARLEY close (C/R)	Vol 125					Apr	106.5	106.3	GB (p)		75.45	102.00	
	In 110.55	Mar 110.20	May 114.20				Jun	106.8	107.8	GB (d)				

Close	143.5	SOYABEAN	AMT Futures	Aug	107.0	107.0	Eng/Wal (%)	+1.05	-6.85	109.08
				Live Cattle Contract			Eng/Wal (p)	-30.2	-22.1	-2.10
							Eng/Wal	74.92	-23.8	

198.0	Feb 134.0-38.0	Oct 133.5-35.5	Jan 112.8	112.8	Germany (+/-)	+1.58	107.56
223.5	Apr 137.0-38.0	Dec 137.0-40.0	Feb 114.0	114.0	Scotland (%)	-7.61	-2.63
87.5	Jun 134.0-35.5	Feb 137.0-44.0	Apr 116.0	116.0	Scotland (p)	-59.5	-53.3
					Costs	70.11	-11.2

Vol 105	Aug 132.5-34.5	Vol 120	Vol Pig-18 Cattle-0	Sound (+/-)	19.11	188.33	112.78
					+0.27	-6.30	-1.20
				* Estimated dead carcass weight			

1. The first group of respondents (n = 10) was asked to identify the most important factors influencing their decision to use a mobile app. The results showed that the most important factors were the app's functionality, ease of use, and security.

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No.	Company	Group	Coin or Share
1	Yellshire Chem	Chemicals/Plas	10p
2	Ranarman	Industrials L-R	10p
3	Angill (sa)	Food	10p
4	Parward Tech	Electricals	10p
5	Clascon (MJ)	Building Roads	10p
6	Gr Portland	Property	10p
7	Warford	Property	10p
8	Bulmer (H P)	Breweries	10p
9	Robinson (Thomas)	Industrials L-R	10p
10	Lee & Edin Tin	Property	10p
11	Midland (sa)	Banks/Discount	10p
12	De Vin	Industrials A-D	10p
13	First Tech	Electricals	10p
14	Mervale Moore	Property	10p
15	Bardon Group	Building Roads	10p
16	Spring Ram	Industrials S-Z	10p
17	Cap & Cunniff	Property	10p
18	Burnish (sa)	Oil/Gas	10p
19	Polly Pick (sa)	Food	10p
20	Unigroup	Industrials S-Z	10p
21	Deconner	Industrials A-D	10p
22	Ranger	Oil/Gas	10p
23	Kleinwort Benson	Banks/Discount	10p
24	Ranarman Group	Drugs/Stores	10p
25	LASMO (sa)	Oil/Gas	10p
26	Soot Met	Property	10p
27	Mt. Hops	Industrials L-R	10p
28	T & S Stores	Drugs/Stores	10p
29	Bulgin (AF) A	Electricals	10p
30	Weston	Industrials S-Z	10p
31	Low Group	Paper/Print/Adv	10p
32	Bam	Drugs/Stores	10p
33	Speyhawk	Property	10p
34	Anglia Soc	Building Roads	10p
35	Bockman (A)	Textiles	10p
36	Claydon	Property	10p
37	Palmy (sa)	Food	10p
38	Bacon	Property	10p
39	Wide Potatoes	Industrials S-Z	10p
40	Channon &	Industrials A-D	10p
41	St Ives Grp	Paper/Print/Adv	10p
42	Lamont	Textiles	10p
43	Shand Chan (sa)	Banks/Discount	10p
44	Ryl Bk Soc (sa)	Banks/Discount	10p

Please take into account any minus signs

Weekly Dividend  
Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £12,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	TOTAL

## BRITISH FUNDS

High	Low	Stock	Price	Change	%

SHORTS (Under Five Years)					
High	Low	Stock	Price	Change	%

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS					
High	Low	Stock	Price	Change	%

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS					
High	Low	Stock	Price	Change	%

## UNDATED

High	Low	Stock	Price	Change	%

## INDEX-LINKED

High	Low	Stock	Price	Change	%

## BANKS, DISCOUNT HP

High	Low	Stock	Price	Change	%

# STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES Equities beat a retreat

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began January 15. Dealings end January 26. Settlement day January 29. Settlement day February 5.  
Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (sa) denotes Alpha Stocks.

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# Shares stage a comeback after early 37-point slide

Share prices in London spent another volatile session following a 666-point fall overnight in Tokyo, where domestic worries and unrest in the Soviet Union continued to dominate sentiment.

Attempts at an early rally, prompted by talk of an imminent mega-bid, proved short-lived. A few scattered sellers and news of more City job losses caught market-makers on the hop and once again drove prices sharply lower. Once again all eyes were on Wall Street as traders anxiously awaited reaction to the news from Tokyo.

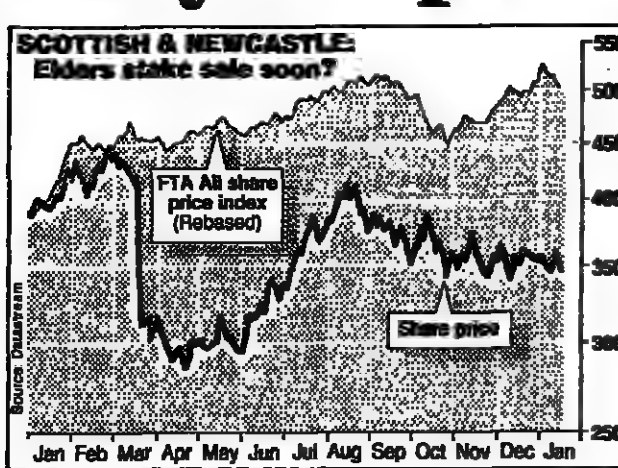
At its worst, the FT-SE 100 index was down 36.7 points, but a rearguard action by investors in New York - where the Dow Jones industrial average recovered an early fall - enabled it to reduce the fall to just 17.1 to close at 2,349.1. Dealers are convinced the market still has further to fall, but are looking for a small technical rally when dealings resume today, provided there are no further setbacks in the Far East.

The narrower FT index of top 30 shares lost 21.2 points to 1,875.7, while turnover remained low, with just 479 million shares traded.

Government securities made a firm start, but soon ran out of steam to finish with losses of 1/2 of the longer end.

Scottish & Newcastle Breweries fell 6p to 342p, after touching 351p at one stage, on revived talk that Elders DKL, the Australian brewer, was close to selling its 23 per cent holding at 325p. Elders was ordered to reduce its holding below 10 per cent after its original bid was blocked by the Government.

Elders has several large cash



calls due and may need to sell. It is reckoned to have paid more than 400p a share for the stake and faces a large loss. Dealers said speculation about the sale was heightened by claims that Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker, was trying to place a large line of S&N with clients.

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Fisons jumped 7p to 339p helped by a "buy" recommendation from Nikko Securities, the Tokyo-based securities house. Mr Andrew Porter, an analyst, says that after a period of underperformance the shares are fairly valued. He reckons the acquisition of VG Instruments is an excellent move.

Truman and Watney Mann figures due this account are expected to show pre-tax profits of £225 million to £230 million. Dealers say Lomax is close to selling its Western Platinum subsidiary to General Mining, which controls Impala Platinum.

Hugh Mackay, the floor coverings specialist, jumped 12p to 132p after announcing it was in bid talks. But the group says any offer is unlikely to be more than the current ruling market price.

Recall Electronics slipped 1p

to 228p. The total number of shares held by American investors through the Bank of New York Nominees has fallen by 12 million shares to 317.9 million, or 24.7 per cent.

Yorkshire Chemicals firmed 2p to 374p. The Scottish Amicable has raised its stake in the company to 1.17 million shares, or 5.96 per cent. The shares have been a firm market of late, buoyed by talk of stakeholding as the prelude to a full bid.

British Land, the property group headed by Mr John Ritblat, rose on strongly denied speculation. Charterhouse, the merchant bank, denied that it had received an approach by a third party which is considering making an offer for the company. The British Land share price responded with a jump of 13p to 401p, after briefly touching 425p. The company has called for an inquiry into its share dealings.

This month, shareholders rejected a controversial restructuring programme proposed by Mr Ritblat aimed at boosting shareholder value.

Oil shares responded to a survey from James Capel, the stockbroker, forecasting a 22 per cent increase in North Sea oil production, but prices drifted off their best in late trading.

Takeover favourite Barnard took 670p before closing all-square at 663p, while Lanes surged to 588p, before finishing 1p higher at 573p, on talk of a significant find in the Middle East. But small losses were seen in BP, 1p to 330p, Enterprise, 2p to 647p, Shell, 3p to 456p and Ultramar, 3p to 362p, after 370p.

Michael Clark

## Dragonair stake for Cathay

From Lala Yn, Hong Kong Cathay Pacific, Hong Kong's flag carrier, is to take a significant stake in Dragon Airlines, its competitor.

Negotiations for Cathay to acquire at least a third of Dragonair are at the final stage and an announcement is expected.

The deal is being brokered by China International Trust and Investment Corp (Citic), Citic, which acts as China's

overseas investment arm, owns 12.3 per cent of Cathay and is in the process of acquiring 26.5 per cent in Dragonair.

Citic's cross-holding puts it in a strong position to broker a merger that could benefit all three parties.

Citic and the airlines have declined to comment. It is understood Cathay would buy from the Chao family, Dragonair's largest shareholder

after the departure of Sir Y K Pao. He sold 37.8 per cent to the Chao family leaving them with 65 per cent, and relinquished all ties with the loss-making airline last November.

The rest of Dragonair's shares were held by Hong Kong and Macau International Investment, a mainland Chinese company, which is now selling most of its shares to Mr Larry Yung, the head of Citic.

## BP to be based in Brussels

BP is to merge its European refining and marketing operations into a single operation based in Brussels in the run-up to the single European market in 1992.

Since 1988, BP has had two European divisions, Atlantic Division - which included BP Oil UK based at Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire - and the Continental Division.

## Japan fall knocks Dow by 18 points

New York (AP-Dow Jones) - Share prices were broadly lower in active early trading in the wake of the sell-off in the Tokyo market.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 17.92 points at 2,651.45. Standard & Poor's 500-stock index was down 2 1/2 and the New York Stock Exchange composite index was down 1 1/2.

Declining issues led advances by about eight-to-one on the Big Board as NYSE volume reached 19 million shares.

Traders did not expect any lasting support in the market to last, given the severe losses in Tokyo in two consecutive sessions. They added that American investors were worried about developing stagflation - a combination of a stagnant economy and rising inflationary pressures.

It was widely believed that the Federal Reserve would be unlikely to ease credit to stimulate the economy due to rising inflation.

Frankfort - Share prices retreated broadly for a second

consecutive day as buyers continued to keep a low profile. The Dax 30-share index had fallen 40 to 50 points from the previous high before the bourse electronic price reporting system failed late in the session. A final Dax is still to be calculated.

Hong Kong - Share prices continued to fall in light trading, responding to the sharp drop in Tokyo and the overnight decline on Wall Street. The Hang Seng index fell 34.9 points to 2,751.75. However, value of turnover improved to HK\$635 million (US\$48.8 million) from HK\$541 million.

Singapore - The Straits Times industrial index fell 13.04 points to 1,512.50. The value of volume traded fell to 232.4 million Singapore dollars (US\$47.0 million) from 251.3 million Singapore dollars.

Sydney - The All-Ordinaries index fell 6.7 points to 1,675.4. Turnover value reached A\$187 million (US\$239 million), up from A\$145 million.

## WORLD MARKET INDICES

Index	Value	Daily change (%)	Yearly change (%)	Daily change (pts)	Yearly change (pts)
The World	785.1	-1.1	19.7	-1.2	17.2
(Area)	150.0	-1.1	19.6	-1.2	17.1
EAPE	1450.1	-1.6	14.0	-1.9	15.0
(Area)	148.1	-1.7	13.7	-2.1	14.8
Europe	733.9	-1.8	35.6	-1.8	25.8
(Area)	157.5	-1.7	36.0	-1.9	25.9
North America	489.6	0.0	31.6	0.0	20.2
Nordic	1580.4	-0.5	43.8	-0.5	30.3
(Area)	236.9	-0.5	47.1	-0.5	41.5
Pacific	3618.5	-1.7	4.2	-2.2	9.9
Far East	5259.2	-1.7	3.7	-2.2	9.8
Australia	344.9	-0.2	17.5	-0.3	16.4
Austria	1637.6	-2.5	148.4	-2.4	118.0
Belgium	982.7	-1.0	24.7	-0.8	8.9
Canada	573.5	-0.8	25.9	-0.8	16.2
Denmark	1307.6	-0.1	58.4	0.0	39.1
Finland	113.4	-0.2	2.1	-0.2	18.8
France	146.9	-0.5	25.3	-0.6	10.4
Germany	761.3	-1.4	41.6	-1.3	23.8
Hong Kong	900.1	-2.8	58.2	-2.5	38.9
Italy	2087.4	-0.3	9.0	-1.0	-0.2
Japan	373.6	-2.1	27.5	-2.0	13.1
Netherlands	5695.2	-1.8	3.0	-2.3	9.8
New Zealand	864.0	-1.6	34.6	-1.4	18.1
Norway	101.8	-0.4	18.7	-0.5	11.8
(Area)	1377.7	-1.4	65.4	-1.5	61.1
Singapore	238.4	-1.5	64.7	-1.6	50.4
Spain	1973.4	-0.2	65.5	-0.8	38.5
Sweden	220.8	-0.8	11.2	-0.7	1.0
Switzerland	1760.1	-0.5	45.5	-0.5	34.9
(Area)	245.4	-0.5	56.0	-0.5	43.9
United Kingdom	889.8	-2.1	35.7	-1.8	25.8
(Area)	136.6	-2.1	37.8	-1.7	27.7
USA	695.1	-1.5	27.3	-1.5	27.3
USA	447.6	-0.1	31.8	-0.7	20.6

Source: Morgan Stanley Capital International

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## Editors should edit, not manage

Robert Maxwell likes to surprise his audience. Shortly after announcing that he treated his editors like field marshals — which may have come as news to one or two of them — he stated that each was soon to combine the managing directorship of his or her paper with their existing editorial responsibilities. In addition *The People* is due to be bived off as a separate company in two years.

These decisions were not universally welcomed. Patrick Morrissey, the cool and capable managing director of *Mirror* Group Newspapers, resigned. He believed he should be chief executive and thought he had persuaded Maxwell that this was the logical solution. Despite strenuous efforts by two of Maxwell's sons to persuade him to stay in another lucrative role, Morrissey felt that a principle was at stake and would not change his decision. So Maxwell, who last month lost his chief of staff, Peter Jay, to the BBC, will apparently become entirely dependent on the ability of his editors to run the newspaper business successfully.

Owing to the structure of *Mirror* Group Newspapers they will not have an easy time. For it is a tripartite operation. The British Newspaper Printing Corporation, now back in the group, runs the production side; the revenue producing area — marketing, circulation, advertising — is the second, commercial, arm of the business; and the editorial is of course the third. Who will negotiate the printing contracts within the group? Who will settle the advertising rates? Who will decide the ratio of advertising to editorial?

Further, the editors will be taking over at a time when tabloid circulations are falling quite sharply. In December the *Daily Mirror* was down 100,700 (3.2 per cent) on the same month last year; the *Sunday Mirror* down 125,200 (4.2 per cent) and *The People* down 102,200 (3.8 per cent). Other tabloid newspapers suffered even more severely, but if this trend continues the effect on profitability must be considerable, particularly as the squeeze on advertising is likely to intensify over the next few months.

Of course a few editors have combined managerial responsibilities with their editorial function. Andrew Whitman Smith, after launching *The Independent* successfully, took over as chief executive in 1987. His achievement is unquestioned and is underlined by a profit, just announced, of £3.2 million last year compared with a loss of £1.5 million the year

before. But with the pending launch of *The Independent on Sunday* he relinquished his editorship and now concentrates on his executive responsibilities.

When David Montgomery became editor of *Today*, he also took over the managing directorship. In December his paper was the only tabloid to show a gain on last year — up 21,600 (4 per cent) to 552,374 — but the circulation has dropped back sharply from its peak and the paper is not yet in profit. Montgomery has achieved editorial wonders in turning *Today* into a highly readable tabloid with a clearly defined target audience, and heavy promotion has produced useful results. Yet it cannot be said that his example necessarily shows that the jobs can be combined successfully.

In a minor way I had some management responsibilities for a couple of years when editing the *Ewing Standard*. What I learnt was that management does take time, and that is a quality which editors always find in short supply. The more thoroughly they take their management responsibilities, the less time they will have for editing. More and more decisions had to be taken by the deputy editor because the editor simply was not on deck.

Further, management is much more concerned with figures than with words. An ability to create a sparkling newspaper does not necessarily go with a high level of numeracy. Indeed it can be argued that editors should not even join the board of their newspaper company. Once editors start to worry too much about costs they may lose that precious quality of élan and excitement which can inspire their team. And if they start getting too worried about losses or reduced profits they may even have a depressing effect on those around them.

Maxwell is fond of saying, "Editors on top, management on top". But of course this aphorism does not conceal the fact that he is the man who is really on top. By dispensing with the idea of a chief executive for the *Mirror* Group and by multiplying the responsibilities of his editors, he is really strengthening his own control of the group while appearing to favour a more relaxed style of management. The answer is obscure. But one thing is clear: not every field marshal has a manager's mentality in his knapsack.

THE PRESS

Charles Wintour

## Will money-spinning evangelists take over when religious affairs slots on TV are sold to the highest bidder?

Sally Brompton investigates

Churchmen are concerned that the Government's proposals to deregulate television broadcasting may prove to be the answer to a prayer for American-style "televangelists" anxious to find themselves a platform in Britain.

By offering franchises to the highest bidder and excluding any specific legislation for religious programming in the Broadcasting Bill, many churchmen feel that it will be the money-spinning evangelists such as Jimmy Swaggart and Oral Roberts who will cash in by spreading their highly-personalised Christian messages over the cable and satellite airwaves.

"Some of the electronic church people seem to be saying 'Give your heart to Jesus and your money to me and you will have two cars tomorrow', which is a gross corruption of the Christian gospel," says the Reverend John Barton, chief broadcasting officer to the Church of England.

But, he adds, the audiences for such American evangelists are "very small compared with those for British religious programmes. They succeed by persuading people who are committed Christians to part with cash."

By comparison, *Songs of Praise* and *Highway* — the BBC's and ITV's religious flagships which compete for the 6.40 Sunday evening slot — frequently notch up 16 million viewers between them and make it to around the half-way mark in the top 100 most popular programmes.

Whether they would achieve such high viewing figures were they not on prime-time television, squeezed between the news and a lightweight comedy/drama series, is debatable. One of the fears of church leaders is that the traditional British religious programmes will be broadcast at unsuitable hours or on minority channels, encouraging the more aggressive evangelists to sneak in via the satellites.

"Television controllers might continue to move religion further and further away from the peak-buying



hours and fill up the dead parts of the schedule with it," says Dr Jim McDonnell, secretary of the Catholic Communications Committee in England and Wales.

"Another concern is that people will stop making religious programmes on Channel 3 and will base religious programming on Channel 4, as if religion was a minority interest like making beer."

"The danger would be if people in the main networks said 'Why doesn't religion have its own cable or satellite slot or radio station?' which would mean they wouldn't need to think about it any more and could put it in a little ghetto."

"I know the televangelists are

looking to Britain for the future because they have flooded the home market. But I can't see them being a significant threat to established broadcasters unless established broadcasters lose their nerve."

The Evangelical Alliance is scathing about the suggestion that it might attempt to emulate the American television evangelists. "Programmes reflect the country that produces them," says Peter Meadows, the alliance's communications secretary. "There are bizarre programmes in America because America is a bizarre country. The programmes produced here will be an expression of the British church culture."

As the White Paper stands at

present, religious organizations would not be allowed to own licensed television channels but could run their own local radio stations, providing they broadcast a diversity of views.

The television ruling, aimed at preventing cults such as the Moonies and the Scientologists and religious political groups from owning stations, will put an end to Britain's only religious television channel, *Vision*, now in its fifth year.

Fran Wildish, chief executive of *Vision*, whose cable programmes are available to around 80,000 homes in Glasgow, Coventry, Swindon, Windsor, Croydon and Ealing, does not see the ban deterring the television evangelists.

"It's inevitable and things are being set up now," says Wildish, who provides a balance of programmes from mainstream denominations, which she edits on donated equipment in two rented rooms in a Swindon office block. "They can get on any satellite. The law is nonsense because it can't prevent them coming from outside, but it prevents us from operating."

Britain already has a Christian radio station in Network Eleven, started four months ago by Peter Knott, a former businessman. Run on a shoestring, his 24-hour cable channel is currently received by an American airline in Britain and a couple of towns.

Knott and two colleagues financed the station by mortgaging their homes, and appeal for sponsors over the air to enable the station to keep going. "We are asking 1,100 Christians who sympathize with what we're doing to sponsor us for £365 a year," Knott says.

Rupert Murdoch's Sky channel has turned down several offers from American televangelists, including Swaggart. Sky broadcasts its *Hour of Power* at 6am on Sunday, featuring Dr Robert H. Schuller, who represents "a Protestant-based religion" and who does not ask his viewers to send in donations — "something which wouldn't fit into our schedules or our brief," according to a Sky spokesman.

John Whale, editor of *Church Times* and, until recently, head of BBC TV religious programmes, also recalls a visit from one of Swaggart's side-kicks determined to get his master on the BBC.

"I told him we couldn't take the programme because it was not presenting evidence on both sides of a question, but had taken one side and was pushing it. He said in effect and with great courtesy that I would fry in hell and I said, 'That's a risk I'll have to take'."

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MEDIA & MARKETING

# Taking an academic approach

Whitehall's newly appointed TV watchdog talks to Richard Evans

**D**r Guy Cumberbatch is fast becoming the guru of television, mass communications and their perceived ills and weaknesses. In the first two weeks of 1990 alone, the 45-year-old son of a Midlands mining engineer has been asked by the BBC to look into everything from sex and nudity on television to the portrayal of minority groups, while Lord Rees-Mogg's Broadcasting Standards Council has requested a pilot study into the unexplored territory of television and fantasy, involving interviews with rapists and other criminals confined in maximum security units.

Last, but by no means least, the Home Office has commissioned a review of pornography and its effects on people's behaviour and attitudes.

But why has Whitehall and the broadcasting establishment picked on the same academic to conduct what

critics are already labelling as the latest outbreak of media navel-gazing?

"Because I am very hard-working and very bright," Cumberbatch says, before booting with laughter.

The answer is in character. Friends in the confined world of media research confirm he is a workaholic — he goes to bed at midnight, and his day begins at 4am — while the president of the British Psychological Society is on record as saying Cumberbatch is the brightest of his generation of psychologists. He is head of communications research at Aston University and has worked in his present field for more than 20 years.

One of his few critics appears to be Mary Whitehouse, of the National Viewers and Listeners Association, who points to a possible conflict of interest between Cumberbatch's work for the BBC and the BSC, the watchdog body set up by the Government to tackle broadcasting misdemeanours. "He is running with



Guy Cumberbatch at work: "My personal views should not influence the way I do research"

the hares and hunting with the hounds," Whitehouse says.

In return, Cumberbatch is complimentary. "I have great respect for Mrs Whitehouse," he says. "In many ways the world would be a much better place if all the things she wants were achieved. What I don't like is that she wants to impose her own values on other people. That seems to be the

worst thing anyone can do." Although there have been thousands of papers on the supposed effects of televised sex and violence, there is still a remarkable lack of consensus about the conclusions that should be drawn.

"It is sad," Cumberbatch says. "The research is so fragmented and no one is really attempting to integrate

academic is open with journalists, finding out his own views on the present state of television, and his personal likes and dislikes, is close to impossible.

He admits to watching little television himself — that falls to his researchers. "I'm too busy," he says. "I used to have it on in my office all the time, but I've had to cut down because it's so distracting."

Besides, he points out: "My personal views should not influence the way I do research. It is so important for professional psychologists such as myself to do research that is objective and fair."

Without blowing his own trumpet, he believes that this is why broadcasting executives and civil servants knock at his door.

But in spite of all the research, he is still uncertain about the effect of television on viewers. "We really don't know. The research methods that have been used are very crude indications and, by and large, suggest it yields a trivial influence. Most people, including myself, think that this cannot be true. The problem is to find those ways in which television does influence. At the end of the day, the problem will come down to individual differences. People are influenced in different ways."

The BBC is paying £85,000 for the work undertaken by Cumberbatch over the next 18 months, the Home Office is paying £6,500 and the BSC a few thousand more, but that will scarcely fund the cost of extra researchers, let alone boost his personal finances.

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Geraldine Bedell

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sectioned opposition. *The Sunday Times* and *Observer* are advertising the link with its weekday stablemate, *The Independent*. All its established Sunday competitors — quality and tabloid

— have responded. It is estimated that during the next three months, the quality Sundays alone will spend up to £13 million on advertising, double the figure for the same period last year.

*The Sunday Correspondent*, launched in September and now selling about 250,000 copies a week, is meeting its new competitor head-on. The paper's advertising spend will reach £7 million by the end of the summer, £2 million more than originally budgeted for the first year.

This week the market leader, *The Sunday Times*, joins in, with its own television and radio campaign, having given birth to new sections: one on sport and motoring, and a Review of the Week.

*The Observer* and *The Sunday Telegraph*, which have been hardest hit by the *Correspondent*, will also be throwing themselves into new campaigns. *The Observer*, which has already relaunched its magazine with a bigger format and is planning a third section, will be spending £3 million on advertising.

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The first European PR consultancy directory is published this week

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businesses wanted to know where to go to get or maintain a presence in Europe. But new PR consultancies are springing up every week, and they didn't know what was available.

The directory lists 2,000 consultancies in 19 countries, and has been widely welcomed by the PR industry. Peter Gummer, chairman of Shandwick, the PR consultancy, says the directory reflects a growing awareness of the importance of the industry. Its practitioners believe

that it has changed out of all recognition in recent years, moving away from press management towards public affairs lobbying and "crisis and issues management". Although consumer PR is in relative decline, Gummer says, environmental, hi-tech, and Euro-PR are massively on the increase.

"It is essential we have more reliable information about the sector," Gummer says. "The directory represents a step forward because the majority of people who want to

expand world-wide have no ready source of information." He sees the directory as principally useful for clients using small PR outfits who want help with lobbying in Brussels.

The *EuroDirectory* is available on Database, but Anderson predicts that most subscribers will take it in ring-bound form, updated quarterly, at £300, or £150 for an annual copy. She expects significant business from the Pacific rim, in addition to Europe and the US, and reports interest from government

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The opening could account for the sale of the Sotogrande Estate last year. It passed from the original company, Financiera Sotogrande, to the Spanish builder Masco, after being listed on the Madrid and Barcelona stock exchanges in April.

The estate, 10 miles east of Gibraltar and once a holiday haunt of the Spanish aristocracy, has undergone a boom in development, and land prices have risen by more than 400 per cent. The population is swelling not only with British holiday-makers but also with Gibraltarians, including expatriates, who are choosing to commute to the overcrowded Rock. Facilities are enticing, including an international school, two 18-hole golf courses, two polo fields, tennis courts, riding and water sports.

Plans for the estate include villa and apartment schemes, two hotels, a large marina and three commercial centres.

## British second-home buyers have discovered a new Spanish resort and are snapping up the chance to live a life of luxury, Diana Wildman reports

Sumptuous villas are still being built, including La Colina Roja, a luxurious three-bedroom house completed three years ago in a rural setting overlooking the 15th tee of Valderrama Golf Course, and being sold through the Sotogrande agent Holmes. It has a traditional exterior - Andalusian style with terracotta walls and irregular, pitched roofing using old tiles - but inside it is like a classic English country house, with large marble fireplaces and Georgian window frames.

The large formal drawing room and separate dining room, unusual in Spain, make this a house for entertaining. There is also a sitting room, a kitchen-breakfast room, a master bedroom and two other bedrooms. The gardens, which extend to nearly one acre, have a sweeping drive, a swimming pool, covered terrace, lawn and a rose garden. The asking price is £475,000. Details are available from Holmes Prop-

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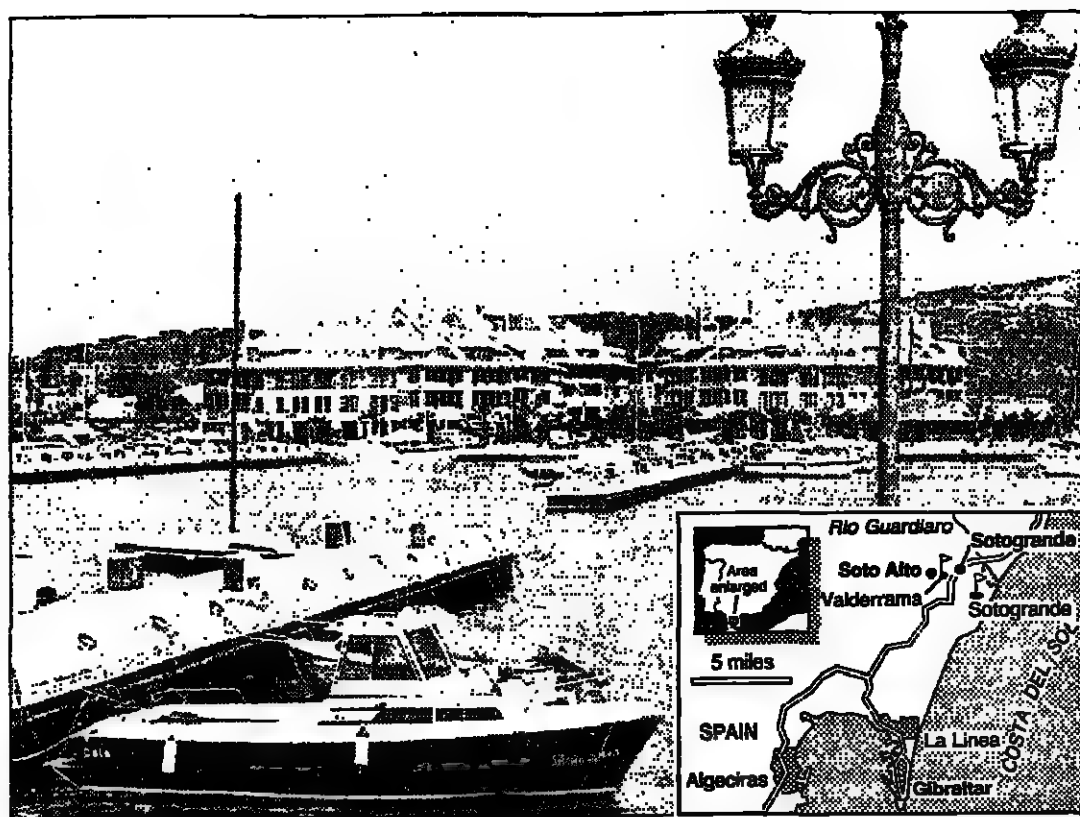
The Spanish department of Knight Frank & Rutley is selling Casa Orion, set in more than two acres with direct access to the 12th and 13th holes of Sotogrande Golf Course. This imposing, pink-washed mansion has three bedrooms, a library and a 50ft drawing room, and is being sold fully furnished for £1.39 million.

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he has bought some tracts of land close by and has two developments under construction.

The first is Soto Alto, a scheme of custom-built villas on large plots. An average four-bedroom, four-bathroom home costs from around £375,000, including land, home, garden and pool. The second consists of 19 "patio" homes around a nine-hole golf course, now under construction. The whole scheme is due for completion by Easter. The attached houses overlook a central courtyard and feature three double bedrooms with bathrooms, living rooms, a separate dining room, a breakfast room, a kitchen and a garage. All the rooms open on to one of the small courtyards and three are available from £280,000. Details are obtainable from Proprieta, Sierra Berrija 71, Pueblo Nuevo, Sotogrande, Cadiz (010 3456 792914), and O.R.P., 5 Broadway Court, Chesham, Buckinghamshire (0494 791779).

Puerto Sotogrande owns 210 acres attached to Sotogrande, some of the land edging on to the Guadaira River. The first phase consists of 460 beach apartments in 10 low-rise blocks, centred around a large beach club. There are shops, tennis courts, a restaurant and bars. The whole scheme is finished, and nine



Waterside peace: the Harbour Village apartments at Puerto Sotogrande look out on to the Mediterranean

apartments in Block 10 are left for sale. The apartments are large and have small private pools on their terraces. Prices range from £213,900 for an apartment with two bedrooms and two bathrooms to £556,000 for one with five bedrooms and five bathrooms. Two-bedroom penthouses are from £336,600 to £394,400.

The second phase is Harbour Village and a marina, the first in the Mediterranean after the Straits of Gibraltar. Of the 535 berths, 70 per cent are sold, and the remainder cost about £17,000. Full facilities are available, including

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Harbour Village has been built on land reclaimed from the sea, and so far three blocks containing 147 apartments are finished. Just three four-bedroom penthouses are left for sale at around £400,000. The fourth building, designed like the first three in the understated 19th-century style of a Cadiz town house and painted in muted shades of grey, pink and beige, will be finished in April, and 29 units are available, priced from

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**MARKET**

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Basset yard, is taken to win the Ouley Novices' Handicap Hurdle over two miles and five furlongs in the belief that he is crying out for this sort of trip.

The way that this five-year-old has finished in both his races this season, at Nottingham and Devon and Exeter, has certainly suggested that this is the case.

At Windsor, I like the look of his stable companion Baddington's chance in the EBF Novices' Hurdle qualifier.

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After an afternoon of mixed fortunes in atrocious underfoot conditions at Worcester yesterday, Martin Pipe and Peter Scudamore emerged from the battle of the mud with one winner apiece.

The season's top team enjoyed no luck in the Tattersall's Mares Only Qualifier when Blue Rainbow could finish only fourth behind the Richard Dunwoody-ridden winner, Random Romance.

Pipe's solitary success came when Alan Walter rode Huntworth to a game victory under top weight in the Save & Prosper Handicap Chase.

Scudamore finally tasted success when Classy Boy, the least fancied of Gerald Martin's two runners, proved too strong for Express Air in the EBF Intermediate Handicap Chase.

Huntworth, now the winner of three of his seven races this season, is owned by Pipe's chief veterinary surgeon, Bill Walter, the father of the winning rider.

The plan was for me to take him home for a rest," he said, "I was going to take him out with the South Dorset Hunt, but there might have to be a rethink."

No-one could possibly know Pipe better than his vet and commenting on the trainer's extraordinary success and their 20-year partnership, Walter said: "I've known Martin since his point-to-point days. And from the start there was something that stood out about him, his dedication, powers of organisation and attention to detail."

The trainer was not at Worcester, but Chester Barnes said that Ruseh De Farges would be sent to Haydock on Saturday for the Peter Marsh Chase.

"He has got to be placed to keep us in the hunt for the £25,000 bonus," said the trainer's right-hand man, "Milford Quay will probably take on Beech Road in the Champion Hurdle Trial and Tell-Echo will probably go for the Premier Long Distance Hurdle."

However, Toby Balding said that the reigning champion is not yet a certain runner on the Lancashire track. If there's no rain we might keep him for Cheltenham, as the Haydock going will be too sticky."

During the afternoon Balding was talking to Peter Bolton, the property developer. But later, the owner of Whitcombe Manor Stables said: "All this talk is very premature. All the balls are still in the air. I've got 10 trainers on my short-list including an American."

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## Lenihan's long run in danger

**By George Ace**  
The Ireland team to meet England at Twickenham on Saturday will be named tonight. Donal Lenihan, who has not won an international since

his debut against Australia in 1981 and has won 43 caps, joined Philip Rainey as doubtful after sustaining a nose injury during an operation on Saturday night.

Rainey will have a plaster cast removed from his nose today and, although the surgeon who carried out the operation has told him he can play, most of the crowd would be convinced that he was having the right decision.

"The last thing I want to do is to have to come off after five or 10 minutes and that must be a bit of a disappointment," he said, "but it is the way it is fair to the team or myself," he said yesterday.

Rainey said intensive physiotherapy on a groin injury and is being advised by Kevin Murray, the club's physiotherapist, to return to the British Isles physiotherapist in Australia last summer.

Rainey said yesterday: "My mobility has improved immensely since the accident. It's a great new thing. It was on Sunday, I have been having morning, afternoon and evening treatment and intend to have a run-out tonight. I will make a decision on Friday."

Kenny Murphy, of Constitution, will play if Rainey is ruled out, and Neil Francis, of Blackrock College, will take over if Lennihan withdraws. Pat Murray, the club's full back, will be called to the replacements if necessary.

Murphy would be a third generation of the famous Cork family to win international honours, as his father, John, won his debut, and Francis would win

over Australian coach, to help with their preparations for the 1991 World Cup, according to reports.

The Fijians are dependent for much of their rugby aid upon New Zealand and Australia and, in recent years, have been assisted by former British Isles New Zealander. Their results since the 1987 World Cup, in which they were quarter-finalists, have not been encouraging.

Jones, who coached the Wallabies to their third grand slam in the British Isles, has had nothing to do with rugby union in Australia since Bob Dwyer became the Australian coach at the end of 1987. He has been in Australia since then but whether he is likely to accept a post with Fiji, where he is expected on Friday, seems doubtful.

Over the last year, Jones has thrown down suggestions that he should resume coaching a rugby union club in the city, and also an lucrative offer to coach the North Sydney rugby league club.

But Jones has been away from rugby league, in this case the Manly-Warringah club in Sydney, is Ziaann Brooke, the New Zealand back-row forward.

Brooke, who toured with the Irish in 1988, has been in Ireland two months ago, has yet to establish himself as a union international.

© Cambridge University will elect a new captain after this year's annual game against Durham University at Grange Road.

The choice is likely to be between Adrian Davies, the stand-off, and Simon Hobbes, the scrum-half.

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# TODAY'S FIXTURES

**VAUDEVILL LEAGUE:** Second Division, south: *Peterborough v Melksham (7.45).*

**BEAZER LEAGUE:** Midlands: *Derbury v Redditch.*

**GRANT MILLS LEAGUE:** Premier division: *Chard Town v Bristol Manor Farm (7.45).*

**RUGBY UNION**

**CLUB MATCHES:** Cardiff v Bridgend (7.15); Hampshire v Army (Basingstoke) (7.15); *Worcestershire v Gloucestershire (7.15)*; Royal Navy (Guildford, 2.30); *Bret v Met Police (7.15).*

**HOSPITAL LEAGUE:** Club First round: *Guy's v St George's (2.30).*

**RUGBY LEAGUE**

**STONES DUTCH CHAMPIONSHIP:** Bradford v Widnes (7.15); *Leigh v St Helens (7.15)*; *Northampton v Rochdale (7.15)*; *Hull v Swinton v Huddersfield; Whitehaven v Halifax; Hull KR v Oldham.*

**SPORT ON TV**

**AMERICAN FOOTBALL:** *Superbowl 12:15-15.15; 7.30-8.30p: National Football League: NFC play-off; and College matches 1990 Circuit Bowl.*

**BASKETBALL:** *Europecup (10p-midnight): Highlights from the European club climax.*

**BOXING:** *Superbowl 7.43-8.30p; 7.30-8.30p and 11.30-12.30am: Two Ranks Professional events from the United States.*

**CURLING:** *Europecup 2.3-8.30p: Highlights of the Mancunian Sledge tournament from New Brunswick, Canada.*

**EUROSPORT MENU:** *Europecup 8.30-8.50p*

**EUROSPORT - WHAT A EUROPEAN** *Europecup 11.30-midnight*

**FOOTBALL:** *Europecup 10.15-11.15p: World Cup qualifying games: Scandinavia 4.15-5.0p; Spanish League: Barcelona v Real Zaragoza.*

**EUROSPORT:** *Highlights of the United States 5.30m tournament.*

**ICE SKATING:** *Superbowl 11.15-12.15p: Figure skating: Highlights of the World championships.*

**MIDWINTER SPORTS SPECIAL:** *TV 10.35p-12.30am: Littlewoods Cup: Highlights of the quarter-final: Bowling: England v Scotland (UK) v Scandinavia (Widnes) (US).*

**MOTOR CYCLING:** *Superbowl 9.30-10.30p: Ice Speedway: Highlights of the 1990 World Championship.*

**MOTOR SPORT:** *Europecup 10-10.15pm and 12.15am (tomorrow): Highlights of the Paris-Dakar rally: Superbowl 10.15-11am (tomorrow): Highlights of the 1990 European Rallycross championships.*

**POWERBOAT RACING:** *TV 4.43-4.30am (tomorrow): International offshore event from Bournemouth.*

**RUGBY LEAGUE:** *Superbowl 8.30-10am: Wigan v Bradford Northern.*

**SNOOKER:** *Europecup 12.31p and 7-8pm: Highlights of the United Kingdom championships.*

**SPORTSNEWS:** *BBC 10-11.15p: Preview of the Commonwealth Games from Auckland, New Zealand: Skiing: Highlights of the Men's downhill from Hahnenkamm: Rugby Union: Preview of the 1990 World Cup, championships, and news of the teams.*

**TRANS WORLD SPORT:** *Europecup 6-7pm: Sport from around the world.*

**TELEVISION:** *9-9.15pm and 9.30-10.0p: Highlights of the Australian Open from Flinders Park, Melbourne.*

**UPDATE:** *Superbowl 7.30pm.*

**WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS:** *11.15-12.15am: Highlights of the World Cup.*

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to turn up  
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the desert**

**From Patricia Davis  
Palm Springs**

Sandy Lyle, with the rest of the US PGA tour, has moved on to Palm Springs, the desert playground of the stars, for the five-day, \$1 million Bob Hope Chrysler Classic, starting today and ending on Sunday, 90 holes later.

Palm Springs, whose mayor is Sonny Bono, formerly attached to Cher, is a ritzy, glitzy place full of big Hollywood mansions and big parties to be had with the Lyles, Azingars, Kites, Palmers and Trevinos on the first four days as the pro-am winds its way around four of the 70-odd courses that dot the desert.

The leading 70 professionals are then let loose on the Palmes Course, which is laid out in a circle. Lyle, who plays his first round today at Bermuda Dunes, is not disappointed at missing the cut in Tucson last week. "I'm not dejected," he said. "I'd still get the books and the shanks like last year. I'd be really happy to see them. I've no mental block any more."

"I learned an awful lot last year and I feel my swing is fine now. I'm at the stage of my career where I want to win one major a year and I feel I can't

Lyle was twice last year, tied with Paul Azinger, and in the next three weeks he had another second and a third. Even so, he was not happy. "It was all down to chipping and putting," he said. "I was struggling with my swing and after Los Angeles [where he was second], the curtain came down. It wasn't a very good act anyway."

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By Mitchell Platts  
Golf Correspondent

Three tournaments in the pipeline could take the 1990 Women's Professional Golfers' European Tour towards a prize fund of \$22 million.

"I'm reluctant to set myself such a target, although we are edging towards it," Joe Flanagan, executive director of the tour, said. "I wouldn't like to say whether we will hit it or not because I've learnt there is no easy path as far as sponsorship is concerned. By dint of persistence and perseverance, we have convinced our sponsors that in a couple of years the tour will take off."

Twenty tournaments, including the Swiss Classic and Paris Open, both new events, ensure that Europe's top women golfers will be playing for a minimum of £1.68 million.

The Westabix Women's British Open, which will this year be played at Woburn Golf and Country Club from August 2 to 5, continues to command the highest prize fund with an estimated £1.2 million.

"Women's golf has enjoyed a boom time in recent years, with prize-money going from £500,000 in 1985 to the current figure," Flanagan said. "But there is still progress to be made."

**TOUR SCHEDULE:** April 19 to 22: Swiss Classic, Rome (270,000); 26 to 29: Westabix Women's British Open (2,000,000); 30 to 13: Homestead Cup, Paris (200,000); 19 to 13: Swiss Ladies Open (200,000); 26 to 29: French Ladies Open, TSA (220,000); June 2 to 5: 24th European Masters, Montreux (212,000); 26 to 29: July 1: B&W Ladies Open, B&W (200,000); 26 to 29: 1st Lally Ladies' Charity Classic, B&W (200,000); 26 to 29: 12th B&W Women's Open, B&W (200,000); August 2 to 5: Westabix Women's British Open, Woburn (2,000,000); 19 to 22: 24th European Masters, Hamburg (270,000); 30 to 13: 24th Veuve Clicquot Lady's Classic, Cognac (200,000); 26 to 29: 24th European Open, Kingwood (200,000); 26 to 29: Paris Open, TSA (220,000); 26 to 29: 12th AGF Women's Open, TSA (220,000); 26 to 29: 12th Woodward Women's Open, TSA (220,000).

**FOOTBALL: HODGE THE KEY MAN AS LITTLEWOODS CUP HOLDERS PREPARE FOR THE QUARTER-FINAL**

## Spurs hope to learn lessons from their defeat by Forest

**By Steve Acteson  
and Louise Taylor**

The Littlewoods Cup quarter-final between Nottingham Forest, the holders, and Tottenham Hotspur at the City Ground tonight realistically represents the only chance left this season for either club to maintain an interest in one of the three big competitions.

Steve Hodge, the England midfield player who left Tottenham for Forest, believes the pressure will be much heavier for his former club. "You can be sure," he said, "that much will be made of the fact that Terry Venables, having spent so much money on players, must win a trophy soon."

Venables, who singles out Hodge as being "the main feature of Forest's play" preferred to play down the importance of the match. "I don't really think it is make or break for us; we are not a million miles away from the top of the league," he said.

Tottenham lost 3-2 to For-

est in the league match at White Hart Lane on December 30 and Venables admits: "Forest are a difficult team to play at home because they counter-attack so well. It will be different at their place but we must learn our lessons from that game."

Mabbutt, the Tottenham captain, is included in the squad after missing one game with a knee injury. The Spanish midfield player, Nayim, absent through injury since October, the forward, Moras and the defender, Moncur, are also in contention.

Forest, who are injury free, have the Scotland Under 21 international defender Wilson

## Croker hel

Ted Croker, the former secretary of the Football Association, has been recruited to help GEC, the electronics company, in its bid to win the £50 million contract for football's spectacular identity card scheme (a Special Correspondent writes).

Croker, a trained engineer who became a professional footballer with Charlton Athletic in

## A 20 000-mile trip to run 10,000 metres

**By Barry Townbridge**

However fast — or slow — the men's 10,000 metres is run when the Commonwealth Games track broke legs on July 27, two athletes, assuming they finish the 25-lap race, are assured of personal bests. For the first time in an international championship, the Falkland Islands will be represented on the track by a team led by Peter Goswami and William Goss. It will be their first ever race, over any distance, under IAAF track and field laws.

What will be probably the smallest representation of the Islands in the Commonwealth Games through London this week on the way to Auckland — a trip of 20,000 miles — and on Monday they broke another duck by stepping on to a running track for the first time.

Coached by Sarah Dixon, the Islands' first PE teacher, Biggs, aged 38, the Income Tax Officer on the Falklands, and Goss, aged 24, a professional sheep shaver, are outshining their senior in the Islands. Goss had never raced until a qualifying run was organized for December 23, in which he rallied

Stanley Airfield to finish second to Biggs, a veteran of "several half-marathons with the team".

The idea of sending an athletics team to the Games belongs to Patrick Watts, the Islands' broadcasting officer, who latched on to an offer from the British Olympic Association to sponsor a couple of local sportsmen. Previously, the Falklands had been represented by two-man shooting teams, at the Games of 1982 and 1986, but Watts scouted that a representative team would be good for the youth of the islands, even though they lack the most basic of facilities.

Watts, now the team manager, passed his team over to Dixon, who obtained an AAA selection for the team, a year while at Nougating PE College, in Kent, in the early Eighties and moved to the Islands from Otterburn, near Newcastle, in 1988 because she "wanted to travel".

Watts' team is unlikely to feature in the battle for medals, but if taking part is the important thing, few will warrant a warmer welcome in New Zealand.

back after two months out. Gabbadini scores of 16 goals

with after two months' absence with a hamstring injury. He son has agreed to a new three and a half year contract.

Denis Smith, the Sunderland manager must redeploy his defence for the quarter-final with Coventry City at Roker Park. Sunderland appear particularly vulnerable to the short passing game that Coventry employ and Smith admitted that using Bennett as a sweeper against Middlesbrough in the 3-0 defeat on Sunday was a mistake.

Accordingly, Sunderland are expected to operate an orthodox back four with Gates coming off the substitutes' bench to be re-united with

Geoff Hurst, scorer of 10 goals, in attack.

Kilcline, the captain, is a surprise inclusion in Coventry's squad of 16. The centre half has been on the sidelines for six weeks with a groin injury and although he recently returned to full training he has not played a competitive match.

West Ham United, who contest a semi-final place at Upton Park with Derby County are strengthened in attack by the much needed return from injury of Rosenior and Slater. Rosenior, who injured a knee last summer and last played for the first time on September 26, has successfully negotiated two reserve team matches - scoring in both - while Slater, who also injured a knee on Boxing Day played in the reserves on Saturday.

On the debit side West Ham's new acquisitions, Morley, Quinn and Bishop are all cup-tied along with the on-loan goalkeeper, Suckling in whose absence, Parkes is likely to be preferred to McKnight.

Sheffield United yesterday agreed a fee of £90,000 for the sale of John Francis, a forward, to Burnley or Leyton Orient.

United have been given a valuation of Francis, who was bought from Emley, the HFS Loans League club, of £5,000 two years ago. The players has been left to decide whether to offer to accept.

United are also negotiating the sale of Martin Pike, a left back. Bolton and Burnley are rivals for Pike's signature at £70,000.

Perry Suckling, the Crystal Palace goalkeeper, has had his one-month loan at West Ham United extended to two months.

Rudi Hoffman, a centre, contracted to Oxford United, and Palace have also let Richard Shaw stay on loan at Hull City.

Mick Mills, the manager of Colchester United, has made his second signing for the fourth division club. He has bought Neil Marmion, a central defender, from Hanover 96, for a small fee.

Marmion has been playing in the fourth division for years after a short spell at Torquay United.

Tommy Lynch, Sunderland's Irish utility player, is expected to join Shrewsbury Town this week on loan, with a view to a permanent move.

## trip to run 10.000 metres



**Small Games team: Goss (left) and Biggs with Sarah Dixon, the coach, in London yesterday**

FOR THE RECORD

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# Foreman hits the \$100m jackpot

From Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent, Atlantic City

It was just as everybody had expected. The "We want Tyson" cry started immediately after George Foreman clubbed Gerry Cooney to the floor in the second round of their 10-round contest at the Convention Center here on Monday. Within minutes of the 42-year-old's victory, the bandwagon for the first \$100 million contest started rolling.

Cooney was still lying on the floor looking up into the ring lights and camera mouths were making chewing noises round the grey, hollow face of the 33-year-old fallen heavyweight when the argument started about Foreman's encounter with Tyson.

By the time the Press had fought its way to the interview room, the oohs and aahs, noes and nahs, the whadyaknows and whadyacares had been said. A Tyson-Foreman bout was definitely one to be seen.

The promoter, Bob Arum, came in saying, "So the old guys can still do it," and confirmed that a \$100 million bout was more than likely. "Tyson and Foreman should share 50-50," he said.

It did not matter that Tyson's promoter was Don King. Arum knew a \$100 million bout when he saw one. After all, he was the man who gave us the multi-million dollar middleweight series involving Leonard, Hagler, Hearns and Duran.

Foreman was still wearing his red velvet robe. He said: "It's going to be the greatest fight ever. You media men go out and tell everybody the old man has come back. Rip Van Winkle has come back. People say I've fought a lot of tomato cans. Heck, I've fought some bean bags, too, and sardine cans. Critics can say anything they want. Just make sure they call me when it's dinner time."

Cooney, who looked tired and drawn when he came into the ring, boxed like a man who had not recovered from his

2½-year absence and was still suffering from the effects of alcoholism and drug abuse, and was now glad to be going back into his third and permanent retirement.

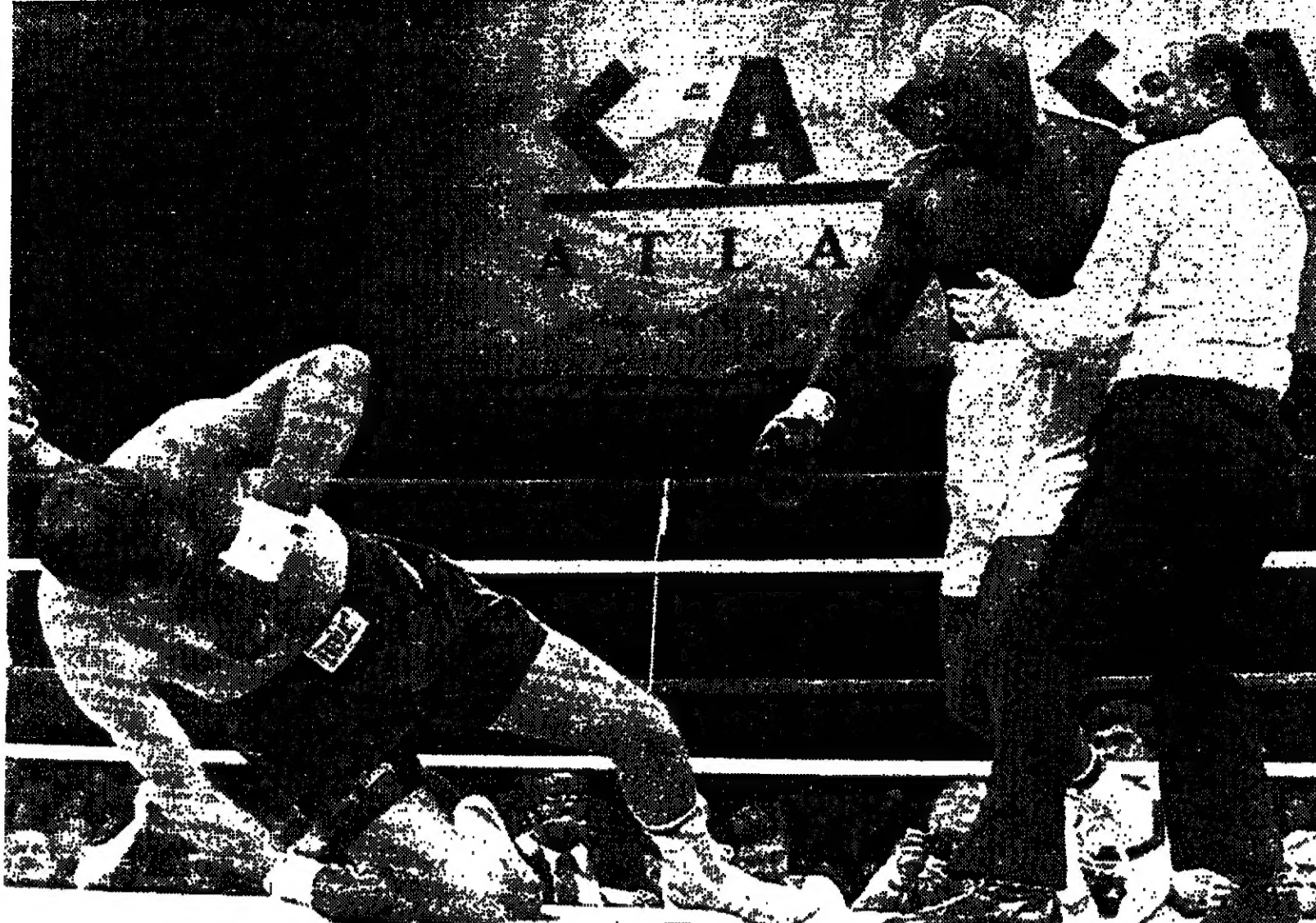
"I gave it a good try," he said, referring to a beautiful left hook that made Foreman's knees buckle. "It's time for me to do something else, maybe go back to school and get a degree."

Whether we consider Cooney an adequate test or not does not matter. A man who can take a Cooney left hook, still potent, and come back cannot be laughed off. Foreman kept rolling forward and he will keep on going until he has removed all obstacles on the way to Tyson.

While he may not survive a Tyson onslaught, he must nevertheless be seen as credible an opponent as any of the top 10. As Larry Hazzard, the New Jersey commissioner, said: "Anybody who can last one round with Tyson can be deemed to be a worthy opponent." Foreman may even be the best of the 10 as a Tyson opponent for, unlike the others, who are there for the money, Foreman really believes in himself.

Whereas most Tyson opponents lose the bout between the dressing-room and the ring, Foreman will not be daunted by the Tyson twitch. Quite simply, the Texan, who became a preacher after a religious experience 11 years ago, fears only God. "I think I can finish Tyson quicker because he won't move around and back away like Cooney did," he said.

Foreman returned to boxing in 1987 and started knocking over those tomato cans. He looked so out of condition that a Tyson challenge seemed out of the question. How could the former world champion, who had been destroyed by Ali in 1974 and sent into retirement by an ageing Jimmy Young in 1977, return in his gross new



Parting of the ways: Cooney is shown the low road back to school while Foreman is restrained from striking out for the highway that leads to Tyson territory

315lb shape 10 years later and pick up the pieces? Yet, after 19 knockouts in 20 bouts in his new career, Foreman has assumed a presence that cannot be ignored any more. Naturally, there was a layer of fat resting on the waistband of the 253-pounder's trunks on Monday night but he held his bulk proudly, almost flaunting it as he does his age.

Generally, he was light on

his feet. He walked forward with quick little steps, cutting off the ring efficiently. When fighting, he used his trainer Archie Moore's famous crossed-arms roll. His prodigious arms are perfect for that tactic. From that position he can launch the big right and uppercut without exerting himself too much.

Gil Clancy, Cooney's trainer, is most impressed by the way Foreman pushes his

opponents back. Clancy believes that Foreman has made a 300 per cent improvement since his last match, with Everett Bigfoot Martin. He believes that, if allowed to get into his stride, Foreman could make Tyson's life difficult.

What was remarkable about the finish was Foreman's accuracy. He landed eight blows on Cooney, starting with a right lead. With each blow — three uppercuts, a right, an

uppercut, another uppercut and a right — Cooney began to get closer and closer to the floor by degrees. He got up at six but Foreman piled in another uppercut and a clubbing right that sent him to the canvas holding his ears and left him in a pathetic heap lying on one arm, with the other arm around his head.

Foreman plans to have as many bouts as he can, starting with Francesco Damiani, of

Italy, the World Boxing Organization champion, while Tyson is going through his commitments: Buster Douglas in Tokyo on February 11 and Evander Holyfield here in June. "I want to keep fighting because it is the only thing that keeps me out of the hamburger joints. If I don't fight, I'll eat this planet up," he said.

END COLUMN

## Vale lift Rudge from the depths

By Chris Moore

On his own admission, John Rudge is not what you would call a high-profile manager, which is just as well for FA Cup giant-killers, Port Vale. Anyone else with his track record in management would surely have been lured away by one of the bigger clubs long ago.

Rudge celebrated his fourth anniversary at Vale Park last week by inspiring his second division side to a stunning 3-2 victory over Derby County in a third round replay at the Baseball Ground.

Two years ago he masterminded the club's surprise 2-1 Cup triumph against Tottenham Hotspur, soon after Terry Venables' arrival at White Hart Lane. Last season he led them to promotion from the third division.

So why is it his name never seems to be linked with any of the leading jobs when they become available? "It's probably because I was a head-and-buttler player in the lower divisions throughout my playing career and am manager of a club which is in no man's land somewhere between Manchester and Birmingham," Rudge said.

"I'm as ambitious as you are to be the top as anyone else, but it's not a burning desire because of the continued success we're having here."

When Rudge first joined Port Vale as assistant to John McGrath, the club was third from bottom in the fourth division and escaped, having to apply for re-election that season by just one goal.

"Hereford needed to win their final game 3-0 to get out of trouble but we won 2-1," he recalled. Rudge took over the managerial reins in 1983 and in the last six years has hauled the club up two divisions.

"One of the long-time ambitions here has been to compete on an equal basis with



Rudge: keeping a low profile Stoke City," he said. "No matter what we've done in the past, we've always been looked on as their poor relations."

"But as things stand at the moment, we're nine points ahead of them in division two and through to a fourth round FA Cup tie with Aston Villa. So there's a proud sense of achievement there."

"But overall, the last few years have been absolutely magnificent for us. Off the field we're working hard to get our ground up to shape and the two games we had with Derby plus the one with Villa will help on that score."

"We've still got half the ground up now with the target of getting it ready for the Stoke derby game. The Villa tie is a tremendous game for us."

"They're the form team in the first division at the moment. But if we play anything like we did at Derby, it'll be a terrific match."

Vale, in fact, will have two former Villa players in their side, Dean Glover, their record signing, who cost £200,000 from Middlesbrough, and the midfielder, Ray Walker, Rudge's best bargain buy for just £12,000.

"In one way it was a big blow for us when we sold Andy Jones to Charlton for £350,000 after I'd bought him from Rhyll for £3,000," Rudge said. "But it meant that I then started doing my shopping at Harrod's instead of Piccadilly Lane, and that's one of the reasons we've got such a good team."

● Linden Jones, whose two goals for Reading knocked out Sunderland in the FA Cup third round, has been cleared to face Newcastle United in the fourth round next week. The full back, aged 28, feared the worst after being booked for the sixth time this season in that game, but the FA have told Reading that his 19 disciplinary points are two short of an automatic ban.

● Brighton and Hove Albion's FA Cup final team of 1983 will play Tottenham Hotspur in a testimonial match for their former goalkeeper, Graham Moseley, on April 3. Moseley, had nine years at Brighton before joining Cardiff City, where injuries sustained in a car crash ended his career.

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## Swindon steward resigns

George Simms, the chief steward at Swindon Town for 18 years, resigned yesterday, apparently in protest over the dismissal on Monday of the club secretary, Dave King, with whom he had a close working relationship (Steve Acton writes).

King was dismissed after a board meeting, and the club chairman, Brian Hillier, yesterday accused him of disloyalty towards the second division club.

The continuing controversy surrounding Swindon Town has also caused Carol Embrey, a local businesswoman, who led an unsuccessful takeover bid last summer, to defer pressing her bid to join the board of the club until after the results of the two investigations into its affairs are known.

## FA's ticket cut stirs anger in Liverpool

By Steve Acton

Trading standards officers in Liverpool and a local councillor yesterday reacted angrily to the Football Association's decision to cut the allocation of tickets to this year's FA Cup final to a probable 21,000 per club depending upon their level of support. They accused the FA of "stealing" tickets from genuine fans and playing into the hands of ticket touts.

Councillor Hannah Folan, who chairs Liverpool City Council's Consumer Protection Sub-Committee said: "The decision gives the green light to the touts who will be laughing all the way to the bank. A 21,000 allocation can mean 10,000 or more fans from a big club having to buy from touts."

"This can make a nonsense

of segregation arrangements and can also mean thousands of ticketless fans showing up on the day in search of a tout. It's a disgraceful decision and shows a total insensitivity to the FA's part to the needs of genuine fans."

Following both the 1988 Liverpool v Wimbledon final and last year's all-Merseyside affair, trading standards officers in Liverpool conducted investigations into touting. They claimed that from the 1988 Final, touts profited by £250,000 but last year's decision — in the wake of the Hillsborough disaster — to give 35,000 tickets to the supporters of both Liverpool and Everton reduced touting by 83 per cent.

They also claimed that after

tracing tickets sold by touts but upon which people's names appeared, dozens of clubs, players and officials received ticket bans ranging from one year to life from the FA, whose spokesman, David Bloomfield, said: "Some people said they had passed on tickets to other individuals in good faith but they had gone to touts down the line."

Bloomfield, replying to the criticisms from Liverpool, reiterated the remarks of the FA secretary, Graham Kelly, who said on Monday that with the capacity at Wembley being reduced further this year to 80,000, the percentage of tickets going to the finalists has actually risen from the 44,000 they were originally to be given last year.

## Cup replay is far from formality for Everton

By Ian Ross

Although Everton reached the FA Cup final four times in the 1980s, the recent record in the competition would suggest that tonight's third-round, second replay at Middlesbrough at Goodison Park will be anything but a formality.

Last season, Everton required replays against both West Bromwich Albion and Plymouth Argyle before progressing in the early rounds and, in 1988, they had already amassed a total of seven games, four against Sheffield Wednesday and three against tonight's opponents, before they met Liverpool in the fifth round.

The clubs have been so

evenly matched over two games this season that preparations for a possible fourth meeting, at Ayresome Park on Monday night, are at an advanced state.

On Saturday at Southampton, Everton had to rely on two goals from Whiteside, a midfield player, to secure a draw, and the poor form of Sharp, Newell and Cottee, his three forwards, continues to worry Colin Harvey, the manager.

He has delayed naming his side but, with Sheedy expected to play after recovering from a slight hamstring injury, changes are thought unlikely.

## Hereford are told to raise ticket supply

Hereford United have been forced to double their allocation of tickets to Manchester United for the FA Cup fourth round tie at Edgar Street on January 28. They are sending 6,000 to Old Trafford on the advice of local police.

Police have fixed a crowd limit of 12,500, but the figure could be raised to 13,200 if an extension to the main stand is completed in time.

● Jim Kelman has resigned as manager of the GM Vauxhall Conference side, Wycombe Wanderers, after a series of disappointing results. Kelman took over in January 1988 as Wycombe's first full-time manager. He became the seventh Conference manager to lose his job this season.

● Barclays has extended its football sponsorship with the announcement of a four-year backing of the annual Professional Footballers' Association awards.

## Dragons expelled

Deside Dragons, who failed to fulfil their fixture against Humberdale Seahawks on Sunday, have been expelled from the first division of the Heineken ice hockey league.

Harry Roberts, their secretary and sponsor, has been suspended from all British ice hockey activities, pending further inquiries by the British Ice Hockey Association.

## Two jailed

Bernard Boileau, the former Belgian tennis champion, has been sentenced to more than three years in jail for drug use, assault and dangerous driving, and Jean-Claude Fontana, a former world-ranked French boxer, has been given a four-year prison sentence, with two years suspended, for involvement in cocaine trafficking.

## SPORT IN BRIEF

### Country best

A record entry of 3,177, headed by Dave Lewis, last year's winner, has been received for the Provincial Insurance English cross-country championship at Roundhay Park, Leeds, on February 24.

### Ski change

Kitzbühel (Reuters) — A women's World Cup super-giant slalom due to be run here yesterday but postponed for safety reasons, has been rescheduled for Santa Catarina, Italy, on January 27.

### Poor start

Britain's sole remaining representative on the International Fifty-Foot circuit, the Rob Humphreys-designed Blizzard of Ernest Juer, sailed by Rodney Pattison, has had a less than successful start to the Key West World Cup regatta in Florida. It finished thirteenth and tenth in the opening two races.



Lewis: heads record entry

### Top line-up

Paris (Reuters) — Greg LeMond, Pedro Delgado and Stephen Roche, winners of the last three Tours de France, top the bill in this year's Paris-Nice cycle race, from March 4 to 11, organizers said yesterday. Laurent Fignon, of France, the world No. 1, and Charly Mottet, of France, the world No. 2, have also entered.

## Vatanen joy is tempered by death of friend

Dakar (AFP) — Ari Vatanen yesterday assured Peugeot's final Paris-Dakar rally campaign was victorious by giving the French constructor a fourth win in as many years. Vatanen, of Finland, has now won the event three times.

However, his triumph was overshadowed by the death of Kaj Salminen, a freelance journalist and good friend, who was on the rally to write a biography of his compatriot.

He was killed in a car crash in a village in Mali on Sunday. "I'm pleased to have won, although it is obviously difficult to feel happy about it," Vatanen said.

Bjorn Waldegard, of Sweden, in second place overall, and Alain Ambrosio, of France, in third, completed a treble for Peugeot.



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